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### D'head Women's Club Spring Art Fling today

The Diamondhead Women's Club will hold its 8th Spring Art Fling today, April 7, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. at the Diamondhead Country Club. Many of the leading artists in the area will display their work. All artwork will be available for sale. Admission is \$1, and all proceeds will be donated to Hope Haven Children's Shelter and the Alzheimer's Foundation. For information, call Earlene Kornman at 228-255-6921.

### Hancock County Water and Sewer bd. meets

The monthly meeting of the Hancock County Water and Sewer District is scheduled at 1 p.m. Friday, April 12.

This month's meeting will take place at the District's maintenance building located at 3082 Longfellow Road at the east side of the Hancock County Civic Center.

The public is invited.

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Fri. 12:16 p. 9:43 p.  
Sat. 12:33 p. 10:53 p.  
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## Back to the Beach



Above and below: Spring break – and great weather – brought families to Bay St. Louis and Waveland's beaches by the dozens last week.



Area beaches were filling up on Friday heading into a beautiful spring break weekend. Black Spring Break is being held in Gulfport and Biloxi this weekend, and may cause added traffic in some areas, Hancock County Sheriff Steve Garber and Assistant Police Chief Dave Stepro said on Friday. Just in case, the two departments are adding extra patrols throughout the weekend for traffic control if needed, the two said.

"We are not expecting any problems and have had none in past years, but we are taking precautions to keep people safe, just in case," said Stepro.

Waveland Police Chief Jimmy Varnell said that Waveland is doing nothing special.

"Everyone is welcome to come and we are here," said Varnell. "No one will be treated any differently than anyone else."

## Choctaw link to Casino World?

Musgrove says he would not approve tribe deal in D'head

BY THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gov. Ronnie Musgrove has said again that he will not approve a deal that would allow the Jena Band of Choctaw Indians to open a casino in Hancock County.

There's been no official word the Louisiana tribe is interested in a deal with Europa Cruises Corp., the parent company of Casino World, which owns 404 acres near Diamondhead near Interstate 10.

Europa, based in Madeira Beach, Fla., wants to develop the land into a casino resort.

Representatives of the

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## Planning panel rejects track

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

The Hancock County Planning and Zoning Commission Thursday turned thumbs down on a permit needed to reopen a practice motocross track off Deerwood Road in the Kiln Community.

The 3-1 decision to deny a conditional use permit requested by Mark

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## Little Lake dredging suffers another defeat

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

Hancock County's three-year quest to re-dredge a shipping channel vital to the future of Port Bienville has suffered another defeat.

A state judge in Baton Rouge Monday reversed a decision by the Louisiana Department of Environmental Quality. After a series of lengthy and costly tests, the LDEQ on July 2 issued a water quality certificate needed before the Port and Harbor Commission could let a con-

tact for maintenance dredging of Little Lake, which sits at the bottom of the lower Pearl River Basin in St. Tammany Parish.

The decision handed down by Judge Curtis Calloway of the 19th Judicial Court in East Baton Rouge voided the permit, but LDEQ can appeal the ruling.

Jerry Hemphill, the Commission project manager who has championed the cause for maintenance

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A thank you luncheon honoring DHS and all the employees in the county who work against child abuse, was held on Friday at the VFW Post 3253 in Bay St. Louis. The luncheon was held in honor of National Child Abuse Prevention Month and featured speakers Bridget Logan and Waveland Mayor Tommy Longo. Entertainment by Arabesque dance team was the highlight of the day. The team just returned from competitions at Disney World where they won several awards. They will perform at the Miss Mississippi Pageant next weekend.

Echo Staff Photo  
by Bennie Shallbetter

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# Island rangers will enforce jet ski ban

BY ED LEPOMA  
Staff Writer

The National Parks Service intends to enforce a ban on operating personal jet skis within a one-mile radius of the barrier islands composing the Gulf Islands National Seashore.

Enforcement will begin April 23, although an industry group has filed suit in a Texas federal court, according to Park Supt. Jerry Eubanks.

Eubanks said Cat Island would be exempted because it was not included in the national rule that had already been commented on and published in the National Register more than two years ago.

The western portion of Cat Island was recently purchased by the Trust for Public Land, and plans are to purchase the entire island over the next couple of years and add it to those creating the Gulf Island Chain.

Eubanks explained the National Parks Service actually banned personal watercraft around several barrier island chains in 2000, but several parks, including Gulf Islands, were given a two-year grace period to comply. The grace period expires April 20 for 13 parks and Sept. 15 in eight more.

The federal lawsuit filed in Texas by the Personal Watercraft Industry Association claims park officials should have held public hearings and conducted environmental impact assessments before implementing the ban.

The National Register shows Gulf Islands National Seashore received 1,064 on the ban, with 694 opposing and 352 supporting the ban.

Sellers of personal watercraft are also feeling the pinch of the pending ban, claiming sales are down significantly.

Eubanks said there are strong feelings on both sides, but he plans to have his rangers enforce the ban.

The ban would prohibit personal watercraft from operating within a one-mile radius of Horn Island, East Ship, West Ship and Petit Bois Islands, and Davis Bayou in Ocean Springs, where the park headquarters is located.

The news of the pending ban comes the same week two teen-aged girls were injured when their personal watercraft collided with another on the water near the Edgewater Mall in Biloxi.

The state Department of Marine Resources is investigating the accident, according to spokesperson Susan Perkins. She said initial reports were an unidentified man riding another personal watercraft ran into the craft being driven by the girls, turning their vessel over.

The girls, who were from out of state, were not identified because they are juveniles.

They were taken to a nearby hospital and treated and released.

The name of the other boater was also not released because the accident is under investigation, Perkins said.

State safety laws governing the operation of personal watercraft differ, depending on whether the watercraft is rented or owned.

In order to operate a personal watercraft, a person under 21 must have with them proof they have successfully completed an approved boating safety course taught by an individual instructor or by the DMR.

But, if a personal watercraft is rented from a beach vendor or elsewhere, there are no requirements the renter must have completed a safety course.

## Track -- off-track, for now

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Chrisman and Curt Achee came despite developers claims the track, which would be used by motorbikes, and three and four-wheel All Terrain Vehicles provides an outlet for area youth and their families to enjoy themselves on weekends.

The developers came before the commission on March 21, and had signatures of 1,400 to 1,500 people supporting the track, including some residents of Deerwood Road. The track had actually been operating during weekends in the neighborhood for about two months, but the planning commission shut it down after some neighbors complained about noise from the vehicles and an increase in traffic coming into the area.

Developers said the track, carved out of seven acres of an 83-acre tract of land they owned, is well buffered from neighbors. The planning commission told owners they needed a conditional permit in order to install a power pole, and build bathrooms with show-

ers and a concession stand.

Following the public hearing March 21, the five-member commission tabled any action, but voted to call in zoning consultant Bill Hessel to look over the situation.

Hessel reported the use of the land as a private outdoor recreational area was an appropriate use of the property, which is zoned "A-1-Agricultural." However, Hessel cautioned commissioners that if they approve the track, they should limit time of operation and provide other safeguards to protect surrounding neighbors and the general public.

Commissioner C.A. Russ acknowledged a need exists for a motocross track, but he said he visited a track in Picayune and it was "too noisy."

"I've talked to the people in the area," said Russ. It's too much noise for the people living there to contend with. It's in the wrong location." He suggested developers look for land somewhere in the vast buffer zone surrounding the Stennis Space Center, but developers said

that was out of the question because NASA would not allow overnight camping, which they hoped to provide at their track.

Commissioner Packer Ladner said he's run vehicles on tracks in Picayune and elsewhere, and he did not think the vehicles were too noisy. He said developers had already agreed to limit the hours of operation from 9 a.m. until an hour before dark and to operate mainly on weekends, except for some special holidays.

Ladner asked Chrisman whether he would consider shutting down the track earlier than planned, but Chrisman said, if he agreed to that, he would have to open up at 8 a.m. rather than 9 a.m. in order to make the venture profitable. The reply caught the attention of Commissioner Alan Dedeaux, whom at first, seemed sympathetic to the venture.

Commission Chairman Wayne Ducomb said once the track reopens, the county will have little control over it. "Who's going to police it," he asked.

## Casino -- Choctaw

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tribe and Europa said they don't comment on any possible ventures.

Musgrove said he won't support a new Indian casino in the state.

"The law was not set up to forum shop for reservation property, when there is no real connection to the Jena Band anywhere" in Mississippi, said Musgrove. "I would oppose their application."

Europa's president, Deborah Vitale, said the company never comments on who it may or may not be in negotiations with.

"We're always in discussions with anyone interested in financing the project," Vitale said.

Europa hopes to build a \$400 million casino just south of I-10, becoming the only south Mississippi casino with such direct access to the interstate corridor.

The Jena Choctaws withdrew its application with the Bureau of Indian Affairs last month to buy land and

locate a casino in Tishomingo County in Northeast Mississippi. The tribe failed to get support from the governor, local officials and county residents, even though it offered to give the county \$4 million a year.

Last summer, Greene County supervisors rejected the same offer and voted against working with the tribe to put a casino near Leakesville, near the Alabama state line.

The tribe also has tried without success, so far, to locate a casino in Louisiana, even offering a 15.5 percent "tax/donation" to the state for teacher pay.

Federal law gives non-resident tribes the option to

open a casino in states that allow some form of gambling. The Bureau of Indian Affairs weighs heavily the opinions of the governor and local officials before approving applications.

If the application had been approved, the Louisiana tribe would have to negotiate a compact with the governor before it could operate a casino.

The Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians already operates a casino on its reservation near Philadelphia, east of Meridian. Gov. Kirk Fordice approved a compact for the Mississippi tribe in 1992. The tribe plans to open a second casino nearby later this year.

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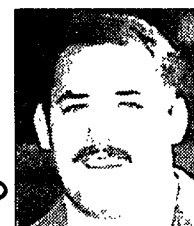
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### Spelling bee winner

Hancock Middle School seventh grader Lorrin Debenport was the district spelling bee winner for grades 4-8 in a recent competition with students participating from the Hancock School District, Bay-Waveland District, Bay Catholic Elementary, Our Lady Academy and St. Clare. Debenport represented Hancock County in the state spelling bee March 27 in Jackson.

## Lake -- dredging halted

dredging of the channel since its inception, said the Commission is taking a "wait and see attitude."

He said the Commission's infrastructure Committee plans to meet next week or so.

"We're awaiting a decision on whether the LDEQ will appeal. Then, if they do, we will decide whether we will join in the appeal or take another strategy," said Hemphill.

Hemphill noted, in the judge's ruling, "He took particular note of the mercury readings in the area and the fact that Little Lake, like 40 other waterways throughout the United States, has trace readings of mercury levels."

He said he felt the analysis of mercury present in Little Lake was taken out of context by environmentalist opposing the project.

"In the numerous tests

we were required to undertake, the amount of mercury was barely detected in instruments used to conduct the lab tests," said Hemphill.

The Tulane Environmental clinic and the Tulane-based Audubon Council and the Sierra Club of New Orleans filed suit in District Court in Baton Rouge last August, arguing going forward with the project "would result in irreparable harm" to the environmental and marine life in the area. Judge Jewel E. Welch Jr. issued a motion to stay the order on Aug. 8.

The Little Lake project calls for dredging the channel to 15 feet. The Port Commission has contended the project was actually maintenance dredging that has been carried out many times since the channel first appeared on maritime

charts 100 years ago.

The waterway has silted in over the years and in low tides, the large container ships used by the Port's main shipping line, Linea Peninsula, sometimes hog down. The shipping channel is also used by barges taking rockets or other heavy equipment into Stennis Space Center.

The Port Commission proposes to deepen a 200-foot-wide area of the waterway for one mile between East Pas at Hog Island and the Rigolets and Little Lake Pass near Pearl River Island.

The project involves dredging up about 185,000 cubic yards of waterbottom sediment and disposing the spoils at sites approved in advance by LDEQ.

So far, the Commission has spent more than \$50,000 on two separate tests, which concluded the

level of mercury and other contaminants that would be dug up and disposed of posed no threat to the environment or marine life.

The maintenance dredging has been supported by Mississippi's powerful Congressional delegation led by Sen. Trent Lott, by

top-ranking NASA officials at Stennis, and by the Hancock County Board of Supervisors.

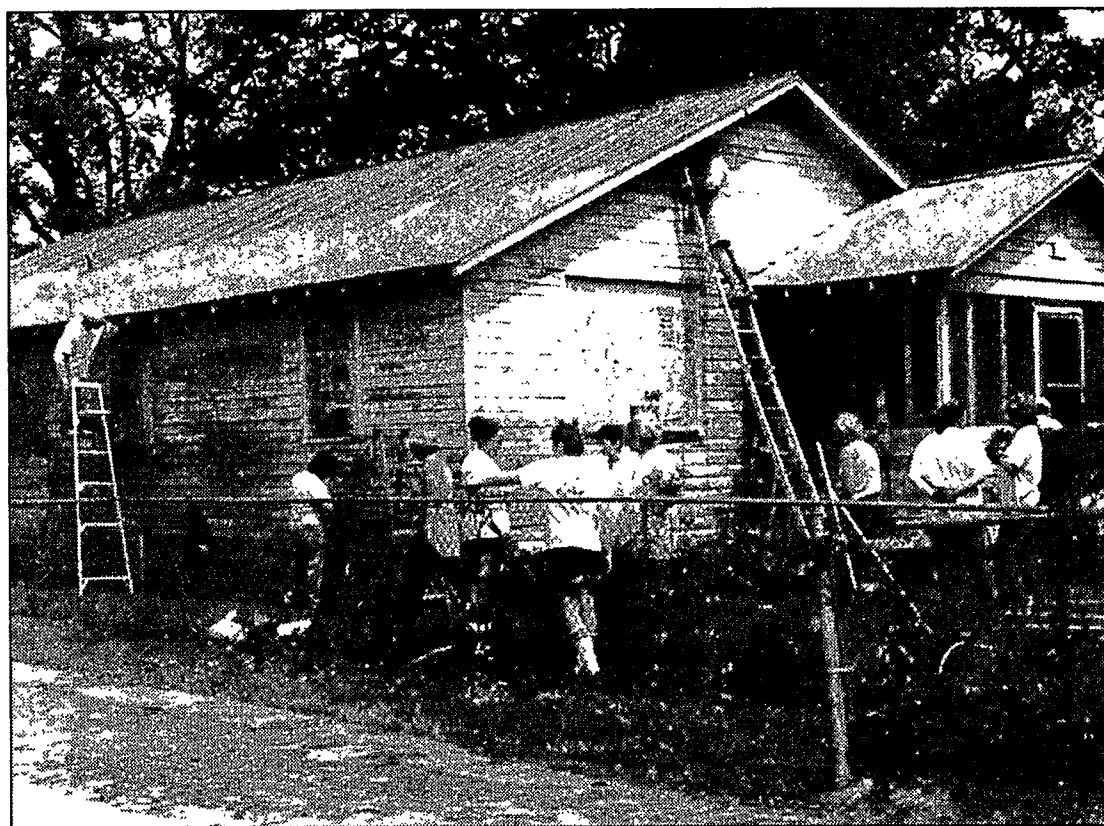
The proponents said the future of jobs at Stennis and Port Bienville, where many from Louisiana are also employed, is dependent on the waterway.



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## Christmas in April project seeks Hancock volunteers

Materials are being gathered and volunteers are lining up for this year's annual Christmas in April Hancock County Project set for April 27. But volunteers and donations are still needed.

The project is a one-day blitz to rehabilitate/renovate the home of an elderly, handicapped or disabled person within our community.

"To date the project has touched over 28 families in Hancock County," said this year's co-chair, Becky Rotundo, "and we hope to reach even more this year."

Because this is a non-profit organization, donations are needed to fund the project. "Local businesses and residents have been very generous with their donations," said co-chair Maurice Singleton, "but we are still in need of funding and supplies."

Of course nothing could be accomplished without volunteers — the mainstay of the project. Last year more than 100 people volunteered to scrape, paint, rake, mow, rebuild and generally do whatever needed to be done to six homes.

"Everyone was tired and dirty at the end of the day," said Rotundo, "but it was a good kind of tired."

To volunteer or to donate materials or funds, please contact Becky Rotundo at 228-688-5328, or Maurice Singleton at 228-466-0402.

Donations can be mailed to Christmas in April, Hancock County Project c/o 412 Highway 90, Suite 6, Bay St. Louis, MS 39520.

## Locals compete for state title

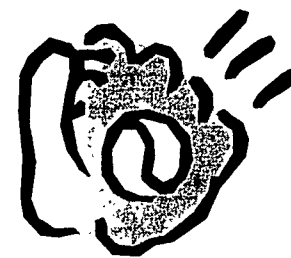
Nicholas Vasquez and Ivan Wilson, students at Hancock County Vo-Tech Center in Kiln, are among 20 automotive technology students who have won the right to compete in the "hands-on" Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills National Quality Care Challenge. The contest will feature two-person teams from 10 high school automotive programs and will be held April 16 in Jackson at the Sears Automotive Center at MetroCenter Mall. The teams will race against the clock to diagnose and repair a deliberately "bugged" 2002 Ford vehicle.

At stake are thousands of dollars in scholarships and prizes and a trip to Washington, D.C. to represent Mississippi in the national finals in June. Vasquez and Wilson qualified for the state finals by competing in a written examination with representatives of high schools from throughout Mississippi.

Their instructor, Tony Adams, will accompany the students to the contest.

Mississippi's Ford/AAA Student Auto Skills Challenge is one of 50 contests nationwide to determine state auto repair champions who will compete in the national contest.

## Community Education



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Orthopedic surgeon Dr. James Thriffiley will discuss types of injuries/treatment/when to seek emergency care/how to avoid injury.

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## Tryouts for Little League Softball scheduled Sat.

Hancock County Little League Girls Fastpitch Softball will hold tryouts on Saturday April 13 at the following times:

5-8-year-olds at 10 a.m., 9-12-year-olds at 12:30 p.m., 13-16-year-olds and 17-18-year-olds at 3 p.m.

Any girl age 5 through 18 who resides in Hancock County is eligible to play and may call Herb at 467-1291 or Frank at 467-4220 for details or register at the tryouts. If you have already registered and cannot attend tryouts, call Herb or Frank to hold a spot in the draft. The league is a total volunteer program from the board of directors down to the umpires, therefore

returning all funds to the players themselves by providing the finest equipment, uniforms and awards available.

Participation fees are kept at their lowest possible level through this and great community support from local businesses and individuals who share the Little League philosophy of teaching the virtues of character, courage and loyalty to develop superior citizens rather than superior athletes.

If you have some free time and would like to volunteer to support the youths of our community, please contact Walter at 467-6598 for details.

## Babe Ruth League has registration

The Bay St. Louis Babe Ruth League announces registration at the Bay St. Louis Sports Complex for 13-15-year-olds: April 13, 5-7 p.m.; April 15 and 16, 5-7 p.m.; April 18 is final registration, 5-6 p.m. and tryouts, 6-8 p.m. For information, call Mark at 466-3018,

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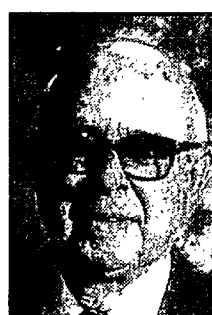
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# OPINION

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## Cuevas' Quotes

by Ellis C. Cuevas  
Publisher Emeritus

## Get ready for Nat'l Guard reunion

It is hard to believe that the original National Guard Unit in Hancock County was formed some 50 years ago.

On May 10 a big reunion is planned for the men and women who have served with the unit throughout the years.

Thursday we published a photo of the National Guard Unit when it was the 134th Transportation Co., (Light Truck), which was called to active duty during the Berlin crisis.

Among those in the photo are my youngest brother Felton and two first cousins, Donald Cuevas and Alvin Bernard, and many, many of my family's friends.

I have a photo of the group, which is the same as the one published on Thursday, and have identification on about half of the soldiers and would like to have a complete identification.

Charles Scianna, who was a Lieutenant with the 134th is working to help me acquire the names. Hopefully before the celebration, we can identify all the soldiers.

I well remember my trip to Fort Chaffee, Ark., to visit the 134th as a representative from the Sea Coast Echo in 1961, as they left Bay St. Louis on Oct. 9, 1961.

General Wilson was the top officer, and the

National Guard invited the press and several community leaders to visit the troops.

We all got treated like we were royalty for the three days we were at Fort Chaffee.

There were several of the Guardsmen from 1961 who made the Army a career following the return home of the Guard Unit.

Final registration for the Dixie Girls Fast Pitch Softball will continue through Saturday, April 13, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at McDonald Field.

There are currently girls ranging from 4 to 15 years of age.

In the next few weeks there are to be a tryout day for girls to participate on a 16-18-years-old team.

For further information, contact Pennie Bröglé at 467-3192.

Coming on Sunday, April 28 at 4 p.m., will be the 26th annual Blessing of the Fleet in Pass Christian.

The Municipal Harbor in Pass Christian is the place, and there will be live bands, food and novelty vendors, capped with a colorful parade of decorated commercial and recreational boats.

Thought I would mention the Fleet Blessing as there may be some of you who are interested.

## Our troops come first

I join President Bush and my Republican Senate colleagues in urging Senate Majority Leader Daschle to call up the Defense Appropriations Bill as soon as possible.

With our military men and women engaged in a War on Terrorism, I believe this is an appropriate and urgently needed request, and I will work to help the President make sure our troops come first.

I have specifically asked the Senate's Democratic leader to bring America's defense bill out of committee, and put it before the full Senate floor for prompt action.

Frankly, President Bush and a majority in Congress believe there is nothing more important

than giving our troops the tools needed to fight terrorists and secure our freedom.

Presenting the President with a good defense bill will also send a strong signal to the entire world that America is determined to do whatever it takes to protect our ideals.

In war time or peace time, America's defense is arguably the most important constitutional responsibility of our federal government.

Our founding fathers made sure defense was near the top of Washington's to-do list. They knew, as we know today, that without our national defense, our democratic republic would not exist.

Our families, loved ones, homes and possessions -



## From the Senate

by U.S. Sen. Trent Lott

they are all protected by a vigilant military. However, some in Congress have not always seen it that way.

Often Congress procrastinates on the defense bill, waiting until the waning days of the fiscal year to pass a defense budget.

As President Bush has indicated, this is a bad budgeting practice in peace time, and a really bad budgeting practice in war time.

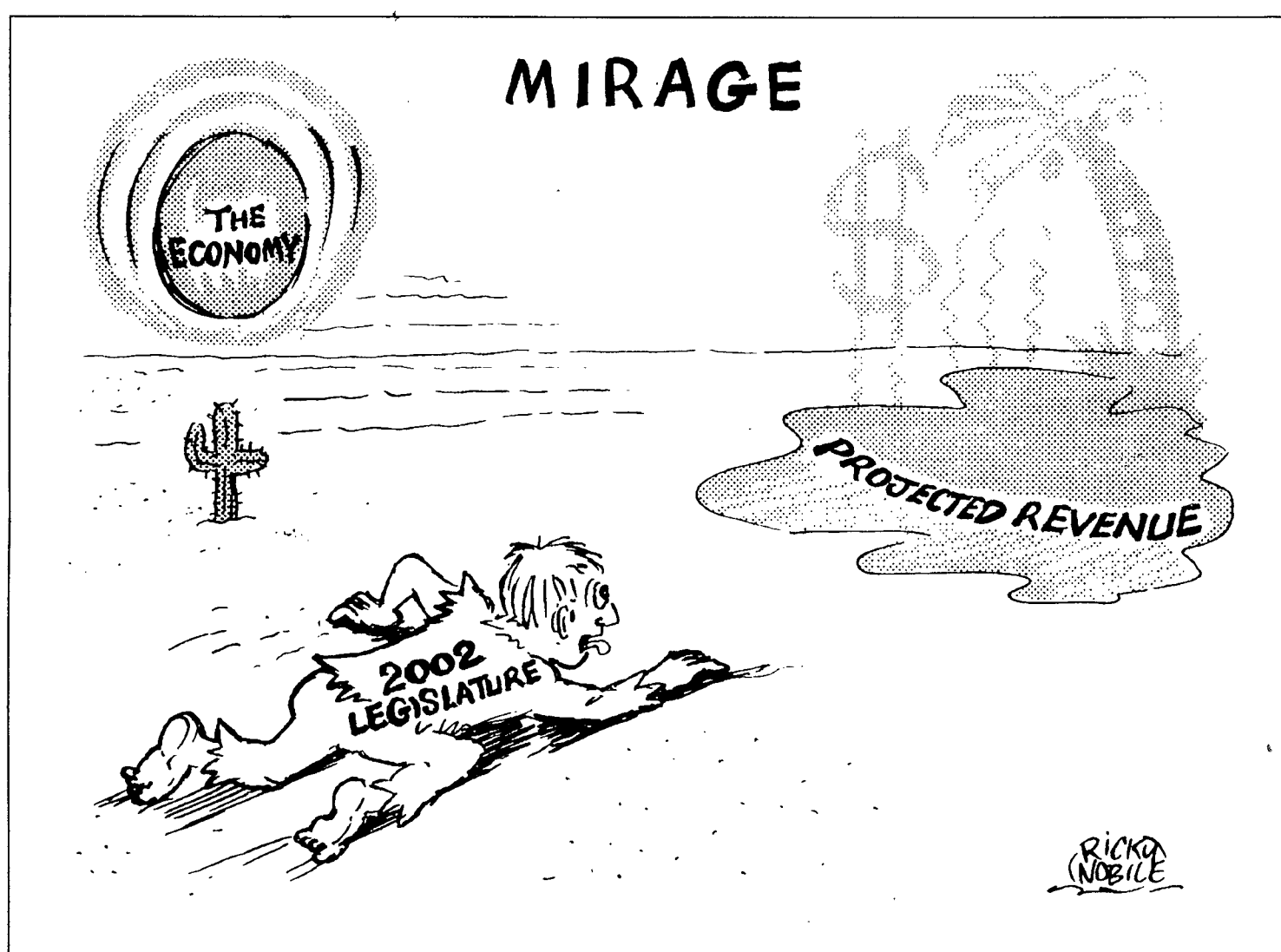
Our uniformed service men and service women are putting our nation first by

risking and sacrificing their lives to defend liberty. I believe Congress should show an equal commitment to them by putting this bill on a fast track.

For Fiscal Year 2003, the President has asked for an additional \$48 billion over the Fiscal Year 2002 defense request, and he is expected to submit a supplemental request on top of that to fund the War on Terror.

This would be the largest

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## From the Mississippi Senate

by State Senator  
Scotty Cuevas

## Tight budget hasn't gotten much better

With the end of the 2002 legislative session coming fast, we have entered the final period when we work straight through to abide by the final deadlines.

Things move quickly from this point on.

By the time you read this, we will have adopted the final version of all appropriations bills and are setting our sights on general bills.

It has been a tough session so far because of the lack of revenue in state coffers. However, revenue receipts for February were very good. March shows signs of being weaker than February but we remain hopeful that the national economy will pick up as experts have been saying they will.

That will boost our state revenues.

This, past week we had an April 1 deadline to complete floor action on the bills

that appropriate ate operating funds for the more than 100 state agencies, boards and commissions for FY 2003. That meant we had to get by a March 31 deadline for having those bills ready for floor action.

Saturday was the day appropriations committees finalized funding for the agencies and had to file their reports. We then had until Monday to take floor action on those same bills.

During this upcoming week - the final one of the 2002 session - we will be working on final versions of general bills. April 7 is the day for our scheduled final adjournment.

As I'm sure you all remember, we began this session with a very, very tight budget and it simply hasn't gotten much better over the course of this session.

With a fall in state revenues and a huge deficit in

Medicaid, it has been a long, uphill struggle to keep all the over 100 state agencies funded and state government operating at the level necessary to provide the type of services Mississippi citizens expect.

Already some agencies have suffered some budget cuts in the current fiscal year and we're trying to arrange funding for FY03 so that agencies won't be faced with another round of cuts.

You may recall that Medicaid came to us with a deficit request for this fiscal year of almost \$160 million. This is a huge request to be faced with while trying to budget for another year.

But, Medicaid serves over 650,000 Mississippians with health care and we simply had to find a way to keep that care flowing to our state's children, disabled and elderly.

But, with a budget shortfall of over \$160 million - counting a few, smaller deficits from other agencies, it took us over two months before we could work through the process of how

to fund most of the Medicaid deficit and the various agencies at a level that will enable them to continue their work. Also this week we voted to override the governor's objection to HB 1551 and passed the bill that prohibits local governments from passing ordinances to restrict the use of cell phones in motor vehicles. The Senate felt that local ordinances would amount to a hodgepodge of laws and could also create a "speed trap-type" situation in a locality.

In the future I'm sure we will be looking at a statewide effort to regulate the use of cell phones in some manner that will allow personal freedom and still protect the safety of others.

As you read this we are in the closing hours of the session and as always, I look forward to hearing from you on matters of interest to you.

On weekdays you can get in touch with me in Jackson at 601-359-3770 or by writing to P.O. Box 1018, Jackson, MS 39215.

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## Lott -- our troops

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defense increase in a generation. In the wake of a decade of military cutbacks and in the midst of a deadly war against terrorists, I cannot think of a more fitting time to request and implement this funding.

Three years ago, I was pleased to help begin a portion of this military rebuilding trend by leading passage of our military's first true pay raise in more than a decade.

It was long overdue, and since then these dedicated Americans have received incremental pay raises each fiscal year. As proposed in this year's defense bill, our soldiers, sailors, airmen and marines will receive yet

another well-deserved raise this year.

Of course, anytime America goes to war, Mississippians are at the heart of defending freedom - both at home and abroad. This year's defense bill will contain programs which will impact military personnel stationed in our state, and defense industries which are part of our state's economy providing thousands of jobs to Mississippians.

For instance, contained in this defense proposal is funding for a naval ship, to be constructed at Northrop Grumman Ingalls Shipbuilding in Pascagoula, funds for additional aircraft

at Naval Air Station Meridian as well as funds for weapons systems manufactured at places like Raytheon's Forest, Mississippi facility, Lockheed Martin and other defense contractors with facilities throughout our state.

Also, our state's military bases are anxiously awaiting an anticipated \$70 million-plus for upgrades contained in this year's defense package, including improvements to base housing and other construction projects which are very important to both morale and mission.

With the tragic scenes of September 11 permanently etched in our memory, now

is the time to support our troops by passing a defense bill first.

President Bush has demonstrated superb leadership during this difficult time. His request of Congress reflects the wishes of the American people as a whole.

America's citizens support our troops and President Bush in his role of Commander-in-Chief. Congress should do no less.

Senator Lott welcomes any questions or comments about this column. Write to: U.S. Senator Trent Lott, 487 Russell Senate Office Building, Washington, D.C. 20510 (Attn: Press Office)



## From the House

by MS. Rep. Dirk Dedeaux

## The tide has come in for Hancock County

This past week the Hancock County Legislative Delegation succeeded in securing funds for several Tidelands projects in Hancock County.

Tidelands funds are derived from state tidelands that the state leases to private individuals and businesses.

These funds by statute can only be spent on projects that affect the management of, education and research of and public access to tideland waters.

This year four projects were funded in Hancock County, McLeod Park \$85,000, Bayou Caddy Marina \$200,000, Clermont Harbor Pier \$100,000, and Ulman Avenue Pier \$200,000.

We were successful in

getting this money because the Hancock County Board of Supervisors committed county money to partially match state funds making the county project dollars do further.

This year tidelands funds were also used in what will begin a 10-year payment schedule for the purchase of Deer Island. The island is eroding away, but no federal money can be used to preserve it unless it is publicly owned. That state purchase will guarantee that it will be maintained and preserved in perpetuity for future generations.

The total cost of the island is \$16.8 million. The state will put up \$10 million in bonds, and the rest will be paid for by mainly federal funds.

## Library receives marketing grant

The Mississippi Library Commission has awarded a \$20,000 Library Services and Technology Act (LSTA) grant to the Hancock County Library System.

The award is one of 36 demonstration and competitive LSTA grants given after a competitive application process.

Funds will be used to improve library service through a redesign of the library system's long-range strategic marketing plan to take it into the 21st century.

The marketing grant will help create a "brand" identity for the library system. A "brand" is defined as "a name, term or design that identifies an organization's services as distinct from others."

A brand has four characteristics: integrity, credibility, consistency and likeability. It becomes the organization's reputation.

Ted Riemann, and the Prime Time Group, have contracted with the library system to assist in the development of the new "brand" identity.

"We are excited about receiving this grant to fund our long-range strategic marketing plan," said Prima Plauché, library system director. "With this plan, we will be able to ensure that all Hancock Countians are aware of and utilize our services."

"The Library Commission is pleased to make this award," said Sharman B. Smith, commis-

sion director. "The Hancock County Library System continually strives to enhance its library services to the community. This grant will assist in those efforts."

## Boy Scout Troop 208 has spaghetti dinner fundraiser

Boy Scout Troop 208 is having its annual fund raiser Friday, April 12, at the American Legion Post 139 Hall in Bay St. Louis from 5 to 8 p.m.

The proceeds go to support the local scouting program and help pay for the Scouts to attend annual Summer Camp.

This year the Scouts of Troop 208 plan to attend summer camp at BSA Camp Thunder in Molena, Ga. where they will work on service projects for the camp and merit badges toward their next rank.

Troop 208 has produced three Eagle Scouts in the last three years and has three Life Scouts presently working on their Eagle rank.

Spaghetti dinner tickets are available from any Troop 208 Boy Scout or at the door for \$5, dine in or take out.

The dinner includes two large meatballs with sauce, spaghetti, coleslaw, garlic bread, dessert, and drink.

For information, contact Larry Clayton at 467-7868 or Kelvin Schulz at 467-6501.

## Book club meets at Kiln

The Second Friday Book Club, cosponsored by Gloria Burlette and the Kiln Public Library, will meet Friday, April 12, at 10 a.m. The group will discuss *John Adams* by David McCullough.

The book club originally began meeting on the first Friday of every month, but

moved to the second Friday to accommodate members. Each month the group discusses a different book.

More information is available by calling the Kiln Public Library at 255-1724. The library system can be accessed through the World Wide Web at [www.hancock.lib.ms.us](http://www.hancock.lib.ms.us).

## Red Cross prepares for season

The Mississippi Gulf Coast Chapter of the American Red Cross is providing a series of disaster relief classes in Hancock County that will provide certified relief workers for shelters, damage assessment and other areas of concern.

Attendance at these classes is necessary in order to become a member of the management teams.

Those interested, please call Dick Robinson, disaster chairman, in the Red Cross Chapter office in Biloxi toll-free at 228-896-4511.

## PUBLIC NOTICE FOR HANCOCK COUNTY CITIZENS

The Catahoula Civic Club is in the process of applying for home funds through the State of Mississippi Home Investment Partnership Program. The purpose of this application is to provide down payment assistance for low to moderate income families who meet certain criteria. Catahoula Civic Club would like to have input from the public. A meeting will be held:

Meeting Date April 10, 2002  
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**STANLEY SMITH**  
**UNA SOUTH**

**IZIAL BELVIN**  
 Izial "Windy" Belvin, 66, of Pass Christian, died Sunday, March 31, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mr. Belvin was born March 16, 1930 in Mt. Airy, La. He attended St. Stephen Catholic Church in DeLisle and was retired from the U.S. Department of Agriculture. He was a retired truck driver.

He was preceded in death by his wife, Gloria Belvin; two sisters, Mary Riley Alexander and Alma Riley Byas.

Survivors include four daughters, Ann Hart, Eula Belvin and Sierra Belvin, all of DeLisle, and Danielle Belvin of Pass Christian; five sons, Eldret Belvin, Robert Belvin, Trevor Ausmer and Nolan Ausmer, all of DeLisle, and Rodney Ausmer of Gulfport; four sisters, Margueitte Madden, Rosalee Randolph and Augustine Scott, all of Gulfport, and Helen Christoff of New Orleans; five brothers, Raymond Belvin of Gulfport, Charles Belvin of Garyville, La., August Belvin of Mt. Airy, Marshall Belvin and Lee Belvin Jr., both of Reserve, La.; 10 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were conducted Friday at St. Stephen Catholic Church in DeLisle. Burial was in St. Stephen Cemetery in DeLisle under the direction of J. T. Hall Funeral Home in Gulfport.

**P. J. CURRO**  
 P. J. Curro, 88, of Gulfport, died Tuesday, April 2, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mr. Curro was a lifelong resident of Gulfport. He was a member of St. John the Evangelist Catholic Church and was a member of Bishop Gunn Council and the Knights of Columbus. He was the last surviving member of St. Stanislaus Class of 1931.

He was preceded in death by his parents, John and Frances Curro; a brother, James Curro; and a sister, Leah Hirsch.

Survivors include his wife, Katherine Powell Curro of Gulfport; a son, John Larry Curro of Roswell, Ga.; a daughter, Francine Wood of Slidell; two sisters, Juliet Beadle of Morgan City, La., and Joyce Marie Ross of Metairie; and three grandchildren.

Services were conducted Thursday at St. John Catholic Church. Burial was in Evergreen Cemetery in Gulfport directed by Riemann Funeral Home in

Gulfport.

The family prefers memorials to St. John Elementary School, Gulfport.

**ZELLA DUKE**

Zella Belle "Peggy" Duke, 91, of Diamondhead, died Tuesday, April 2, 2002, in Diamondhead.

Mrs. Duke was a native of Kentwood, La., and had been a resident of Pass Christian for the last 20 years. She was a homemaker and a Baptist.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Claude Duke.

Survivors include a sister, Paula Pickart of New Orleans.

Services were conducted Friday at Hope Mausoleum in New Orleans. Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis handled local arrangements.

The family prefers memorials to a charity of one's choice.

**STEPHEN GERARD**

Stephen Gerard, Jr., 83, of Diamondhead, died Wednesday, April 3, 2002, in Diamondhead.

Mr. Gerard was a native of New Orleans and lived in Arabi before moving to Diamondhead 25 years ago. He was a member of the Diamondhead Community Church and served in the United States Army Air Corps in World War II. He was a member of the VFW in Arabi. He retired as an accountant from Atlantic Envelope Company.

He was preceded in death by his parents, Stephen and Aline M. Goodwin Gerard; brothers Eugene Gerard and Goodwin Gerard; and sisters Minette Gerard and Doris Gerard Corbino.

Survivors include his wife, Mary Bryson Gerard of Diamondhead; a son, Stephen Eugene and wife Gwendolyn Larmann Gerard of Metairie; a daughter, Suzanne Gerard and husband Richard J. Ehrlicher of Baton Rouge; and a grandson, Jonathan Peace Ehrlicher of Baton Rouge.

Visitation was Monday at Diamondhead Community Church followed by services. Burial was private.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

**EDWIN GILLAN, III**

Edwin John "Sonny" Gillan, III, 52, of Bay St. Louis, died Tuesday, April 2, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

Mr. Gillan was a native of New Orleans and a resident of Bay St. Louis and a Catholic. He was a veteran of the United States Army and was a member of American Legion Post 77 in Waveland.

He was preceded in death by his father, Wendell Peter Gillan, Sr.

Survivors include his wife, Susan Schaller Gillan of Bay St. Louis, a son,

Matthew Gillan, and a daughter, Eve Gillan Self, both of Ocean Springs; three stepdaughters, Misti, Crystal and Sandra Summers, all of Bay St. Louis; his mother, Betty Boudreaux Gillan of Waveland; and three brothers, Peter Gillan of Metairie, Garry Gillan of Kiln and Scott Gillan of Waveland.

A private service will be conducted at a later date.

Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis is in charge of arrangements.

**WILLIAM JOHNSON**

William Johnson, 57, of Kiln, died Thursday, April 4, 2002, in Kiln.

His body was sent from the Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis to the Vickers, Verrette & Dornan Funeral Home in Chalmette for services and burial.

**CAMILLE LADNER**

Camille Winnie Ladner, 86, of Lakeshore, died Tuesday, April 2, 2002, in Bay St. Louis.

She was a native of Clermont Harbor and a longtime resident of New Jersey where she retired as head secretary for the superintendent of education before returning to Lakeshore three years ago.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Forrest N. and Anna Emile Chavey Ladner; and brothers Elie P. Ladner and David Ladner.

Survivors include a sister, Aline Emilie Courge, and niece and caregiver, Aline Courge, both of Lakeshore.

Interment was in Lakeshore Cemetery. Edmond Fahey Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis was in charge of arrangements.

**DORIS LADNER**

Doris M. Ladner, 69, of Kiln, died Wednesday, April 3, 2002, in Gulfport.

Mrs. Ladner was a native and lifelong resident of Hancock County and attended St. Matthew Catholic Church. She was a housewife.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Rudolph and Evelyn Cuevas; and brothers Walter Cuevas and R. C. Cuevas.

Survivors include sons Roger Ladner, Donald Ladner and L. B. "Coon" Ladner, all of Kiln; a daughter, Lois Ladner of Kiln; brothers Harlan Cuevas and Morris Cuevas, both of Nacaise Crossing, and Borace Cuevas of Pass Christian; sisters Dorothy Mills of Nacaise Crossing and Verline Bosarge of Kiln; nine grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Visitation was Friday evening at Riemann Funeral Home in Bay St. Louis. Services were conducted Saturday at the funeral home followed by burial in Nacaise Crossing Cemetery.

**HAZEL MCCREERY**

Hazel K. McCreery, 84, died Thursday, April 4, 2002, in Long Beach.

Mrs. McCreery was a native of Kiln and a retired secretary in banking. She was Volunteer of the Year in 1999 at Garden Park Hospital and conducted a prayer group and served as eucharistic minister for local nursing homes and hospitals.

She was preceded in death by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L.A. Koenen Sr.; and a daughter, Pamela Jones.

Survivors include two brothers, L.A. Koenen Jr. of Long Beach and Joseph Koenen of Locust Valley, N.Y.; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services will be at 10 a.m. today at St. Thomas Catholic Church in Long Beach, where friends may call one hour before service time. Burial will be in St. Joseph Cemetery in Rotten Bayou in Hancock County.

The family prefers memorials to St. Thomas Catholic Church, 720 E. Beach Blvd., Long Beach, MS 39560. Riemann Funeral Home of Gulfport is in charge of arrangements.

**STANLEY SMITH**

Stanley E. Smith, 82, of Diamondhead, died Wednesday, April 3, 2002, in Diamondhead.

Survivors include a son, Paul S. Smith of Gulfport.

Services are pending at Restland Funeral Home in Dallas. Riemann Funeral Home in Gulfport handled local arrangements.

**UNA SOUTH**

Una D. Corcoran South, age unavailable, of Natchez, died Monday, April 1, 2002, in Natchez.

Mrs. South was a native of New Orleans and was a longtime resident of Clermont Harbor. She was a homemaker and a member of St. Ann Catholic Church in Clermont Harbor, where she served on the Altar Society. She was also a member of American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 77, and a member of Telephone Pioneers of America.

She was preceded in death by her husband, Frank J. Corcoran, her second husband, John C. South, four sisters and two brothers.

Survivors include her son Frank Corcoran of Violet, La.; two daughters, Mary Jane Adema of Sacramento, Ca. and Francine Flanders of Marksville, La.; 13 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and one great-great-grandchild.

Visitation will be at 10 a.m. Monday at St. Ann Catholic Church. Funeral services will be at noon Monday at the church. Burial will follow at 2:30 p.m. in National Cemetery in Biloxi. The family prefers memorials to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, 501 St. Jude Pl., Memphis, TN, 38105; or to Shriner's Crippled Children Fund. Riemann Funeral Home of Gulfport is in charge of arrangements.

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## Story hours, Great Books meet at libraries

"Rainbow Fish" will be the theme of the children's story hour at the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library on Wednesday, April 10, at 10:30 a.m. Susan Daigre, program coordinator, will assist the children in making their own rainbow fish. "Sun, Moon and Stars" will be the

theme at the children's story hour at the Kiln Public Library on Thursday, April 11, at 10:30 a.m. Children will make their own sun, moon and stars mobile. Programs and activities are designed for pre-school age children 3-5 years old who are not part of a nursery or pre-school.

For individual branch story hour information, contact Adrienne Bradley, Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library, 467-5282; or Sandra Ladner, Kiln Public Library, 255-1724.

The next Great Books

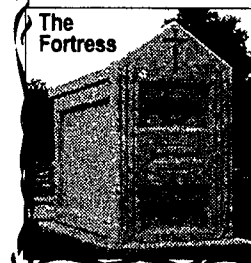
discussion group meeting will be Wednesday, April 10, at 7 p.m. in the Seal Meeting Room of the Bay St. Louis-Hancock County Library. The group is currently studying the volume, *The Art of the Story*. The readings for this session will be *The Elephant Vanishes* by Haruki Murakami and *Mark of Satan* by Joyce Carol Oates. Anyone is welcome. The only requirement is that you read the selection before the meeting. Call David Woodburn at 467-5282.

## Hancock Women's Club to meet Thurs.

The monthly meeting of the Hancock Women's Club will be held on April 11th at Toscana's Restaurant in Bay St. Louis. Members are reminded to participate in the "Spring Bonnet" contest which is an annual event. Polly Cuevas will be the guest speaker and judge of the hat show.

Dues for the coming year are being collected at this time. Guests are also welcomed. Activities will begin at 10:30 A.M.

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# BUSINESS NEWS

## Donation



Rick Hale (middle), president/CEO of BlueCross BlueShield of Mississippi, presents Marcella Mckay (left), president/CEO of the MHA Health, Research & Educational Foundation, and Ted Woodrell (right), chairman of the board of MHA, with the first of two \$50,000 pledges.

## Group contributes \$50,000 to scholarship endowment

Rick Hale, president/CEO of BlueCross BlueShield of Mississippi, recently presented the Mississippi Hospital Association's (MHA's) Health, Research & Educational Foundation with a \$50,000 check for their Health Careers Scholarship Endowment.

The donation is the first of a two-year pledge which will total \$100,000 to advance health careers in the state of Mississippi.

MHA's Health Careers Scholarship Program was established to build an endowed fund sufficient

to support annual scholarships for Mississippi students pursuing health-related careers.

The program will target workforce needs within Mississippi hospitals, particularly health care workforce shortages, faced by rural communities and medically underserved areas.

The MHA Health, Research & Educational Foundation is committed to quality education of health care providers in order to safeguard an adequate and competent health care workforce to care for the citizens of Mississippi.

## Unemployment rate drops

Mississippi's unemployment rate fell in February as 6,100 more people were working during the month than in January, the Mississippi Employment Security Commission (MESC) announced.

February's unemployment rate was 6.5 percent down from 7 percent in January. The national unadjusted unemployment rate in February was 6.1 percent.

MESC Executive Director Curt Thompson said there were job gains in the services sector which added 2,100 jobs during the month, in the wholesale and retail trade sector which added 700 jobs and in the food products sector where 400 new jobs were added.

He said that state and local government added 1,400 jobs during February

with 1,200 being in local government and 200 in state government. The furniture and fixtures industry added 300 jobs during the month.

Most counties saw their rates decrease during February with the exception of agricultural counties where the rates were higher due to unemployment caused by the end of harvest season.

Twenty-two counties had double-digit unemployment rates with Issaquena County recording the state's highest rate at 25 percent. Sharkey County had the second highest rate at 20 percent and Holmes County had the third highest rate at 18.6 percent.

On the opposite end of the workforce spectrum, Lafayette County recorded the state's lowest unemploy-

ment rate at 2.5 percent, followed by Oktibbeha County with a rate of 3 percent. Lamar and Rankin Counties tied for third lowest at a rate of 3.1 percent.

Thompson said March unemployment numbers may improve, but he said spring weather conditions have frequently in the past had a negative impact on economic conditions.

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Submitted by Craig Foster, Edward Jones Co.

## Credit union announces new board of directors

Lisa Lindsey, president and CEO of the Gulf Coast Community Federal Credit Union, announced the institution's 2002-2003 board of directors and officers were selected at the credit union's annual membership meeting.

Board members elected by the credit union membership and the officers elected by the board are Elmer Dickens, chairman; Roger Stuckey, vice-chairman; James Dewey, treasurer; Lionel Blum, secretary; Adrian Swanier, Helen Walker, and James Ware, board members.

Credit union board members are non-compensated volunteers elected by the credit union's membership

to govern the institution for the members of the financial cooperative.

In keeping with the credit union philosophy of "one member-one vote," all members of the credit union are encouraged to attend and participate in the annual membership meeting, including the election of the board of directors.

Originally chartered in 1935, Gulf Coast Community Federal Credit Union is one of the 200 oldest federally-chartered financial cooperatives in the United States.

In July of 1999, the credit union was granted a community charter to serve anyone who lives, works, worships, or attends school in Harrison or Hancock County.

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## PERS to hold run-off election

Jan Larsen of Brandon and Barbara Hicks of Jackson are the run-off candidates for a position on the Public Employees' Retirement System of Mississippi (PERS) Board of Trustees representing state employees. They were the top two vote-getters among 12 candidates in the first election.

Larsen received 5,640 votes (31.1%) and Hicks received 2,238 votes (12.3%) out of 18,140 cast by state employees. Retirement System law requires a runoff if no candidate receives a majority.

Larsen is a senior staff member for the Division of Medicaid. Hicks is a program specialist senior for the Mississippi Employment Security Commission.

Runoff ballots will be mailed to state agencies April 24. The deadline for their return to PERS, is 5 p.m. May 30.

The 10-member PERS Board includes two state employees, two retirees, the State Treasurer, one gubernatorial appointee who must be a Retirement System member and one representative each of public schools and community colleges, municipalities, counties and Institutions of Higher Learning.

With the exception of the State Treasurer and the gubernatorial appointee,

board members are elected to staggered six-year terms by the portion of the Retirement System they represent.

PERS will conduct another election this year for the representative of municipal employees. Information will

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## SPORTS

## USTA Senior Women's National Clay Court Championships this week in D'head

BY LIZ WAGNER MAIO

National rankings in adult and senior tennis are done by the United States Tennis Association only once a year. So a national rank indicates that a player has consistently defeated her opponents over the 12-month period.

The 2001 senior rankings have just been released by the USTA and 15 women in the top 10 will be gracing the clay courts at Diamondhead.

The national rankings are done by age groups of every five years. The championships at Diamondhead are for age groups within a 10-year span.

The matches begin Monday a 9 a.m. and run through Friday or perhaps Saturday in the event of a rain delay.

The 60's singles draw has five of the top 10 players in the U.S. They are #1 Suella Steel, La Jolla, Calif.; #2 Charleen Hillebrand, San Pedro, Calif.; and #3 Sinclair Bill, Santa Barbara, Calif., in the 60's national rankings.

Also in the 60's singles draw are two players whose national rankings come from the 65's age group.

Marietta Boswell, Damascus, Md., is ranked #6, and Louise Russ, Boca Raton, Fla., is ranked #10.

Russ demonstrates an interesting phenomenon in senior tennis. It is legal for her to play down, in a younger age group where her rank is #10 in the 60's age group, and in the 70's age group, where she now qualifies, her rank is #2 in the nation.

There are three other players ranked in the top 10 in the 70's singles draw. They are Suzanne Ryerson, Broad Run, Va., last year's champion and now ranked #3 nationally; Louise Owen, Evansville, Ind., ranked #4; and Carol Jaffe, Naples, Fla., ranked #10.

In 70's doubles the draw has two teams in the top five in the nation. Jeanette Weiland, Charleston, S.C., is ranked #1, with Bev Winans, Newport Beach, Calif., but at Diamondhead she will play with Louise Owen. Elizabeth Bishop and her partner Carol Jaffe, both from Naples, Fla., are ranked #5. Doubles aficionados will have a lot to admire in these matches.

Do Do Cheney, La Jolla, Calif., the grand dame of tennis titles with 322, has a national rank of #2 in 80's singles and #1 in 85's singles, where she is the "young kid" on the block.

In 80's doubles two players have national rankings in the top 10 with different partners, but they are playing together at Diamondhead this week.

Judy Stark is ranked #3 with Pat Yeomans, Los Angeles, Calif.; Maxine King, Phoenix, Ariz., is ranked #4 with Marion Read, Milwaukee, Wis..

King and Stark should be the toughest team to beat according to the national



Louise Russ, Boca Raton, Fla., seeded #2 and ranked #2 in 70's Singles.



Sinclair Bill, Santa Barbara, Calif., is seeded #4 and ranked #3 nationally in 60's Singles.



Suella Steel, La Jolla, Calif., is seeded #2 and ranked #1 nationally in 60's Singles.



Charleen Hillebrand, San Pedro, Calif., returning champion is seeded #1 and ranked #2 nationally in 60's Singles.



Louise Owen, Evansville, Ind., seeded #4 and ranked #4 in 70's Singles.

rankings, but according to the seeded players Cheney and Lucy Dettmer, Palo Alto, Calif., seeded #1, should win if they meet King and Stark.

In the process of seeding players, broader and more recent data is taken into consideration: the surface - clay, grass, hard courts, carpet; whether the tournament is indoor or outdoor; also recent wins - who's beaten whom lately; whether a player is playing her way back from an injury; a player's history in a certain tournament.

Rankings tell a player's past record. Naturally, a tournament wants players with a history of winning. The USTA Senior Women's National Clay Court Championships have many women with a long history of winning.

Call 255-5030 for match times.

## Seeded Players

## 60 Singles

1. Charleen Hillebrand, San Pedro, Calif.
2. Suella Steel, La Jolla, Calif.
3. Heidi Orth, Ettingen, Germany
4. Sinclair Bill, Santa Barbara, Calif.
5. Catherine Anderson, Del Mar, Calif.

## 60's Doubles

1. Hillebrand and Steel
2. Anderson and Bill
3. Uta Hegberg, Oceanside, Calif. and Diane Willauer, Irvine, Calif.
4. Linda Friedlander, Lake Placid, N.Y. and Christa Glöge, Wall, N.J.

## 70's Singles

1. Marietta Boswell, Damascus, Md.
2. Louise Russ, Boca Raton, Fla.
3. Suzanne Ryerson, Broad Run, Va.
4. Louise Owen, Evansville, Ind.
5. Lucille Kyvallos, Brooklyn, N.Y.

## 70's Doubles

1. Boswell and Russ
2. Owen and Jeanette Weiland, Charleston, S.C.
3. Ryerson and Zoe Williams, Summerville, S.C.
4. Elizabeth Bishop and Carol Jaffe, Naples Fla.

## 80's Singles

1. Do Do Cheney, La Jolla, Calif.
2. Lucy Dettmer, Palo Alto, Calif.

## 80's Doubles

1. Cheney and Dettmer
2. Maxine King, Phoenix, and Judy Stark, L.A.



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# SPORTS

## SSC's Ladner named All-Star coach

BY JOSEPH W. GEX II  
Staff Writer

The post-season accolades keep coming in for the St. Stanislaus Rockaway basketball team.

Recently, SSC head basketball coach Jay Ladner was named the South squad's head coach in the Mississippi North South All-Star game to be played in mid-July in Clinton on the campus of Mississippi College.

Ladner led his team to the semi-finals of the Class 4A state tournament in Jackson before being the the Pecayune March, Feb. And, for the second time in three years, the Rocks achieved 30 wins in a season.

The Rocks won the Division 8 title and defeated Terry High School for the No. 3 seed from the South State tournament to advance to the state tournament in Jackson.

In a quarter-final matchup with the defending Class 4A state champion Oxford, the Rocks shocked the Chargers 76-72 to advance to the semi-finals.

Ladner stated, "This is a top honor for the coaches in the state of Mississippi. I am honored and humbled by the selection. I feel like this is an extension of what our team and program have accomplished."

Ladner follows his father, Mississippi Association of Coaches Hall of Fame member J. Larry Ladner, in receiving the distinction. The elder Ladner played at Kln High School and had the opportunity to play in the first Mississippi All-Star game. Later, he was selected to coach the South squad in the annual event. Now, the Ladners may very well be the first father-son tandem to be so named in the history of the all-star basketball game.

The younger Ladner commented, "I never felt pressure to follow in his footsteps. I am a different coach than him. However, I do rely on his influence and advice in my coaching. It is a great honor to be compared to him."

When approached about his team's accomplishments, Ladner was quick to point out that his team took on an attitude of their own which was 'refuse to lose.' Ladner recalled, "We lost everything coming into the season. The amount of improvement throughout the season is incredible. I give all the credit to the players. They did not want to be not successful. They refused to lose. They simply outworked other teams."

In addition to Ladner being named coach for the South squad, sophomore guard Darius Acker has been named to the second-team M.A.C. All-State team.

Acker, a shooting guard, was a dangerous perimeter shooter who averaged over 14 points a game. Acker was also named to the Class 4A All-State tournament team and the Division 8 Class 4A team.

Other players honored following the season were Cheick Sanankoua and Gabe Willis. Sanankoua, a native of the Ivory Coast on the continent of Africa and forward for SSC, was named to the All-Coast team, the Mississippi Coast Classic All-Star team, the Division 8 Class 4A team, and the Division 8 Defensive Player of the Year. Willis, a junior point guard for SSC, was named to the All-State tournament team and the Division 8 Class 4A team.

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## Wildcats split in tennis play

Pearl River split with Mississippi Gulf Coast in women's and men's community college tennis action Thursday.

The women's team took a 9-0 victory to improve to 6-1 overall, while the men's team fell 8-1 to the Bulldogs and evened its record at 5-5.

In women's singles, Leigh McCombs (PRCC) defeated Amber Garvey (MGCCC) 6-3, 6-2; Emma McAtee (PRCC) defeated Christal Folks (MGCCC) 6-0, 6-0; Leslie Miller (PRCC) defeated Krissy Gattis (MGCCC) 6-1, 6-0; Amy Alton (PRCC) defeated Sarah Logan

(MGCCC) 6-2, 5-7; (6); PRCC won the No. 5 and No. 6 singles via forfeit.

In women's doubles, McCombs-Newton (PRCC) defeated Garvey-Falks (MGCCC) 8-2; McAtee-Ponder (PRCC) defeated Logan-Gattis (MGCCC) 8-1; PRCC won the No. 3 doubles via forfeit.

In men's singles, Matt D'Angelo (MGCCC) defeated Matt Hoda (PRCC) 6-0, 6-10; Chad Sullivan (MGCCC) defeated Ken Miller (PRCC) 6-1, 7-5; Tyler Rosen (MGCCC) defeated Matt Hughes (PRCC) 6-0, 6-1; Matt

Wilson (MGCCC) defeated Jonathan Barlow (PRCC) 4-6, 6-3, (8); Patrick Cannon (PRCC) defeated Bubba Brown (MGCCC) 6-3, 6-3; Marcus Jordan (MGCCC) defeated Josh Eaton (PRCC) 6-2, 6-2.

In men's doubles: D'Angelo-Sullivan (MGCCC) defeated Hoda-Cannon (PRCC) 8-1; Rosen-Wilson (MGCCC) defeated Miller-Hughes (PRCC) 8-3; Brown-Billy St. John (MGCCC) defeated Barlow-Joel Hebert (PRCC) 8-6. PRCC travels to Jones in Ellisville Thursday, April 11 (2 p.m. start up).

## Mississippi Senior Olympics upcoming events

Adults age 50 and over from cross the state will be experiencing the thrill of victory, the agony of defeat, and a really great time at two upcoming events. The Pine Belt Regional Games in Hattiesburg and the Mississippi Senior Olympics at Hinds Community College, Raymond Campus and Metro Jackson area venues.

The Pine Belt Regional Games start April 22. For registration and/or entry forms, contact Betsy Rowell

at Forest General Hospital (601-288-1088) or the State Senior Olympic Office (1-877-334-0880 or 601-925-7994). The Mississippi Senior Olympics, which are also the qualifying games for the National Senior Olympic games, are scheduled for April 19-21 (tennis) and May 22-25 for all other events. To be eligible to compete in the 2003 National Senior Games in Hampton Roads, Va., participants must place first, second or third in the 2002

Mississippi Senior Olympic games.

Held every two years, the National games attract over 12,000 athletes from throughout the United States. For more information or entry forms, call 1-877-334-0880 (outside Jackson) or 601-925-7994.

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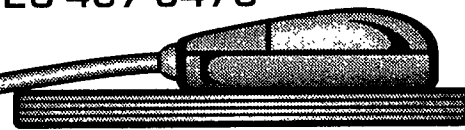
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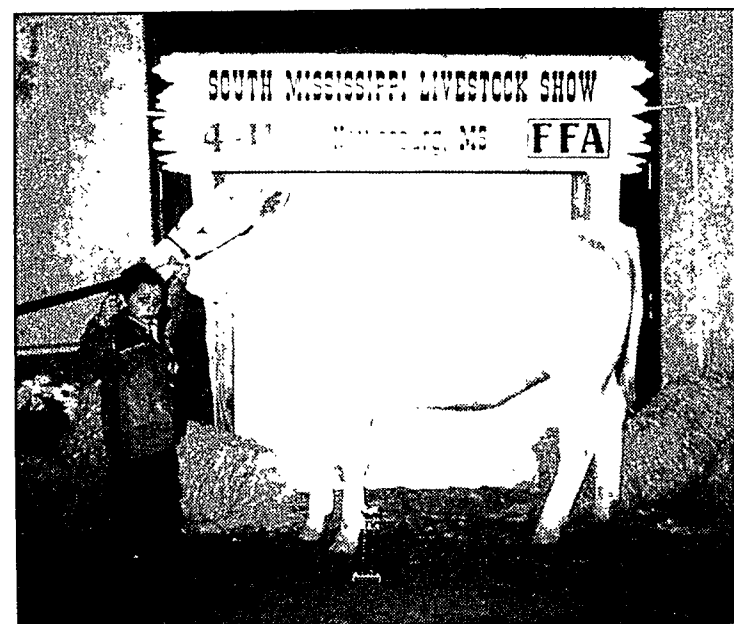
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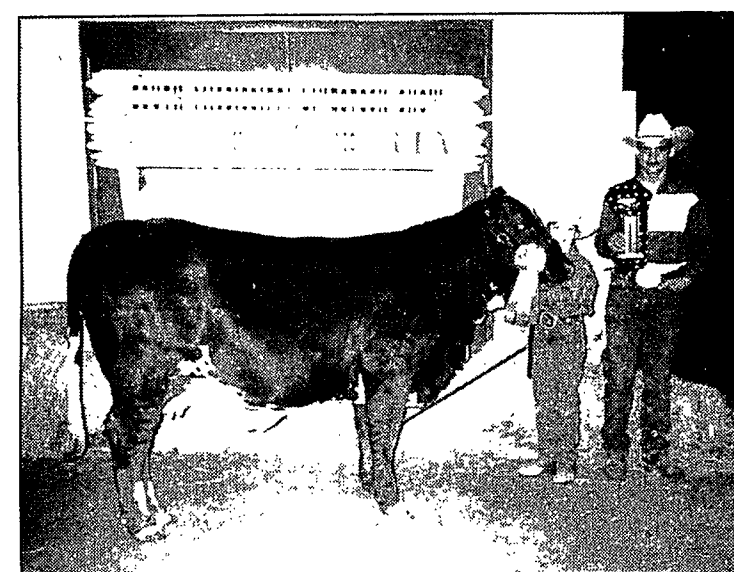
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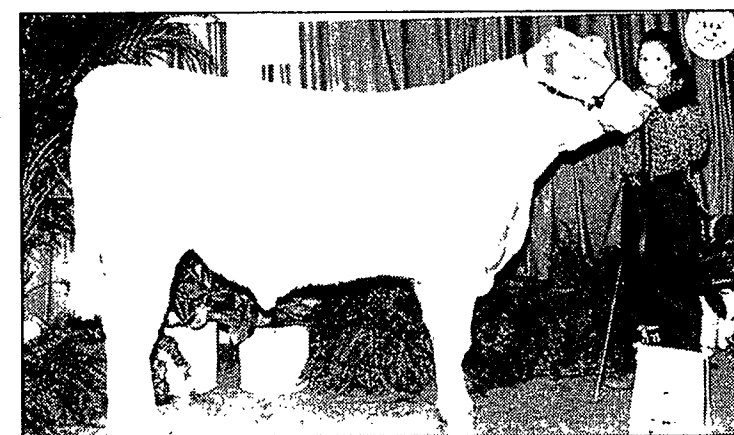
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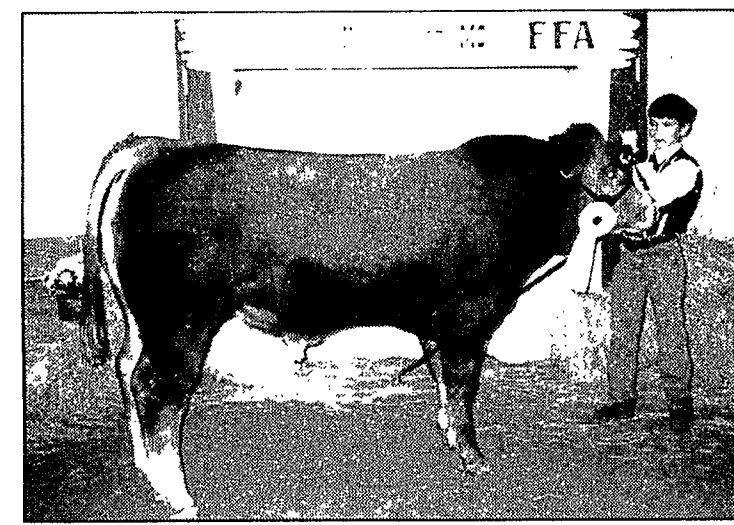
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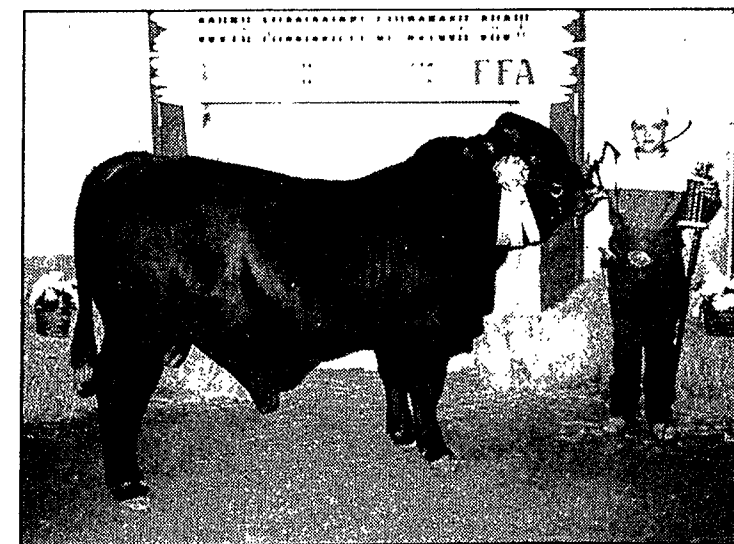
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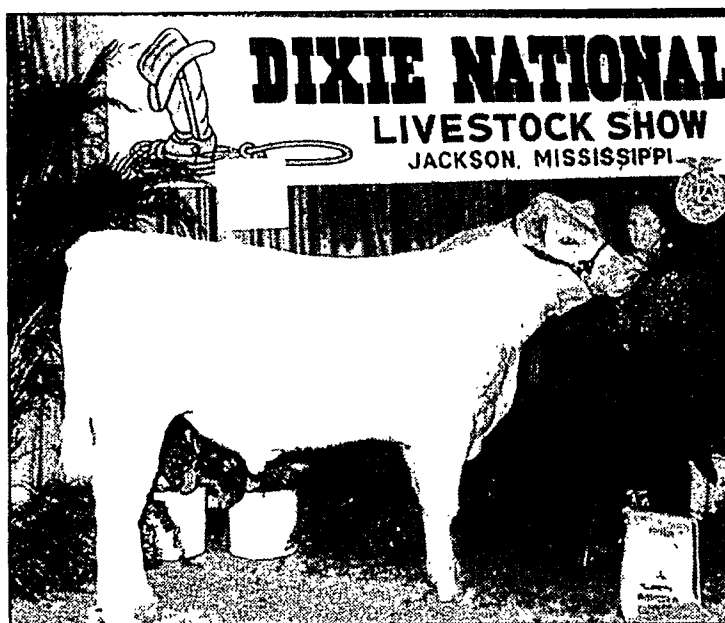
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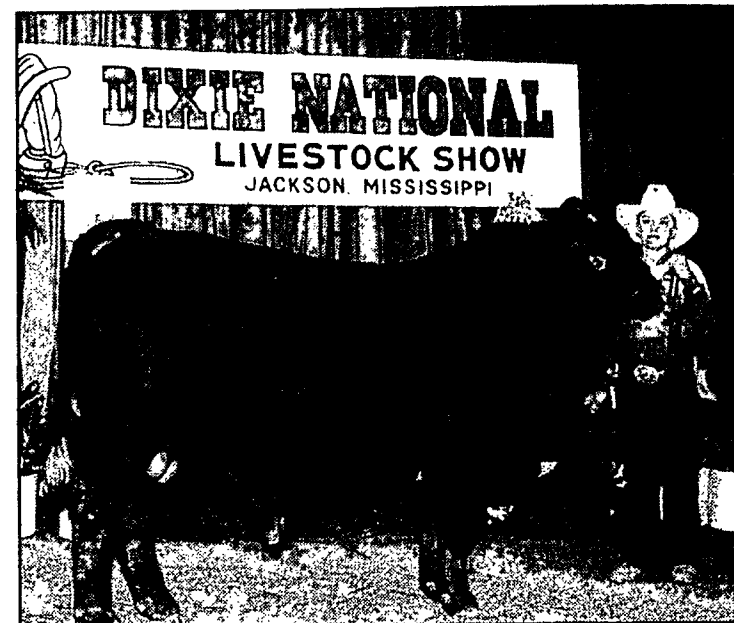
Bristen Breaux with his Reserve Champion Gelbvieh Bull.



Raymond Lee with his Grand Champion Beefmaster Bull.



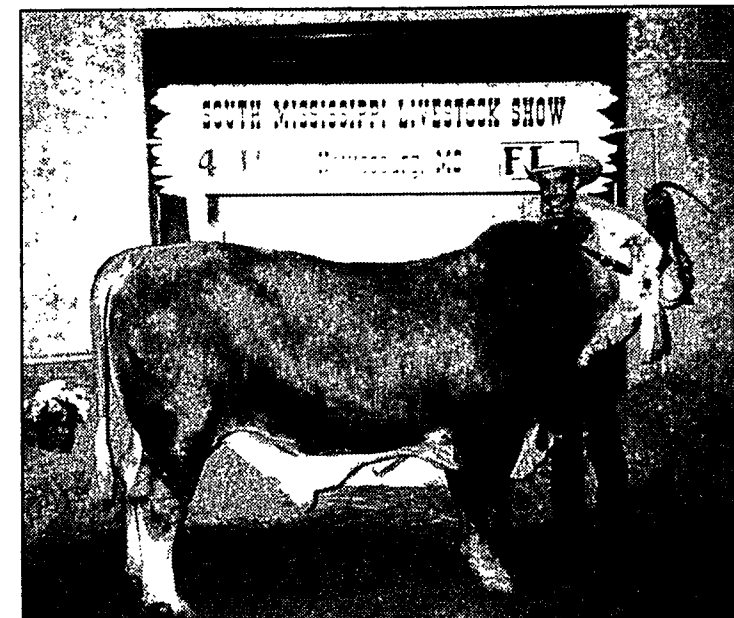
Reserve Champion Charolais Bull, shown by Brooke Ladner.



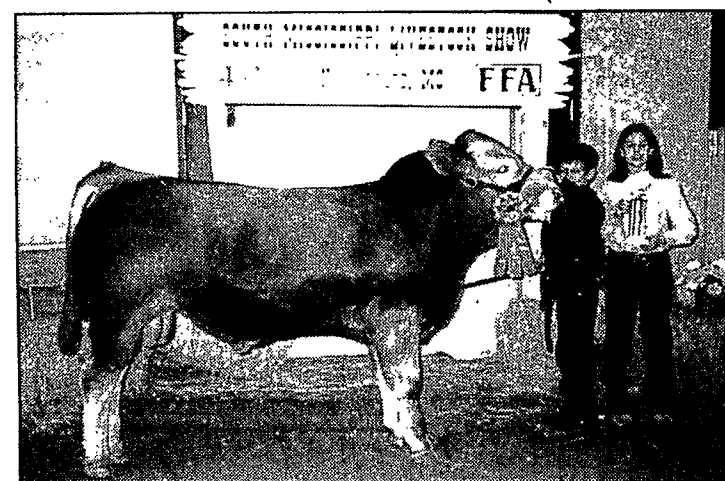
Raymond Lee, with Reserve Champion Beefmaster Bull.



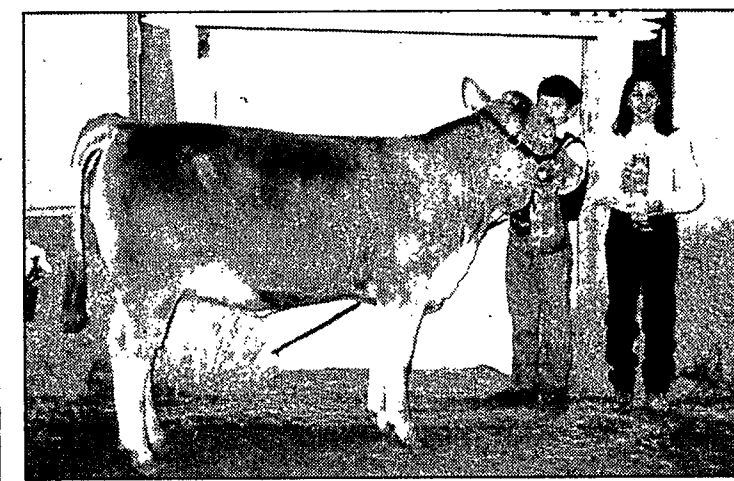
Judging Team: Amanda Hoda, Bristen Breaux, Brittany Spiers, Sahrah Johnson and Laura Henley.



Peyton Lee with his Reserve Champion Beefmaster Bull.



Ethan Hoda with his Grand Champion Gelbvieh Bull.



Bristen Breaux, with Grand Champion Gelbvieh Heifer.

Hancock County 4-H participants at the recent Southeast District Livestock Show and the Jr. Roundup at the Dixie Nationals won numerous awards in various breeds, placing first in the Individual Livestock judging and placing second in the Team Judging Contest. Team members also participated in a Beef Grooming Contest while at the Jr. Roundup.

Photos courtesy of Wayne Ladner  
Hancock County 4-H Program Assistant

## PRCC hosts Courage to Teach retreat

Pearl River Community College will host a Mississippi Courage to Teach Summer Retreat June 17-20 on the Poplarville campus for 25 public school educators.

Participants will be accepted on application information and a first-come basis. The application deadline is May 15. The fee is \$180 and includes registration, housing, meals, materials and processing of Continuing Education on Units, which is 2.5 for attending the retreat.

CTT is designed for K-12 educators.  
Contact Dr. Susan Nodurff at (601) 403-1147; snodurff@prcc.ms.us; or write PRCC-MS Courage to Teach, P.O. Box 5057, Poplarville, MS 39470.

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# COMMUNITY

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## Can you save the forest for the trees?

### THE PACE FILES

BY STAN PACE  
County Extension Agent  
FORESTRY:  
REGENERATION

#### Current Situation

Many landowners feel that forest regeneration means that you have to plant trees on your land. While this is very commonly done in Mississippi, forest land can be regenerated naturally as well by using seed and other sources of regeneration already on site.

However, for either natural or artificial regeneration to work, you have to plan ahead. Below is some information to help improve your forest regeneration success.

#### MANAGEMENT & REGENERATION

Is replanting after timber harvest a good investment?

Analysis shows that landowners can earn between 7 and 10 percent REAL rate of return on investment by replanting pine seedlings after timber harvest on site index (base age 50) lands of 80 to 100 without cost-share assistance.

Is planting pine trees on idle fields a good investment?

Economic analysis has shown that returns on investment when planting pines on old fields will generate REAL rates of return between 10 and 17 percent, depending on site quality. Yes, planting pines on old fields is an excellent investment for landowners.

#### Forest Genetics and Tree Improvement

Forest genetics is the study of hereditary variation in trees. Like all living organisms genes control the traits that trees exhibit.

Pines, oaks, maples, etc. have unique compliments of genes that define the species. The individual tree that grows in the forest is a product of its genes and the environment in which it lives.

Just as genetics can be used to improve the milk production of dairy cattle, the hunting ability of dogs or the grain production of a corn variety, genetics can be used to improve the characteristics of trees.

Tree improvement is the application of forest genetics to field practice. Testing wild tree selections and determining which will grow best when planted on certain sites or in specific geographic locations accomplish tree improvement work.

Tree improvement is a long-term endeavor because trees are long-lived organisms and breeding programs rely on seed production that often comes in later stages of tree life.

Various techniques have been developed, however, to cause some tree species to produce seed earlier. These include grafting and cultural practices like root pruning.

Many landowners in the southern U.S. have heard and use the expression "Super Pine" for pine seedlings that have been

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In a scene from last week - that could have been a hundred years ago - two native Guatemalan girls take a stroll on the ranch.

# Gone to Guatemala

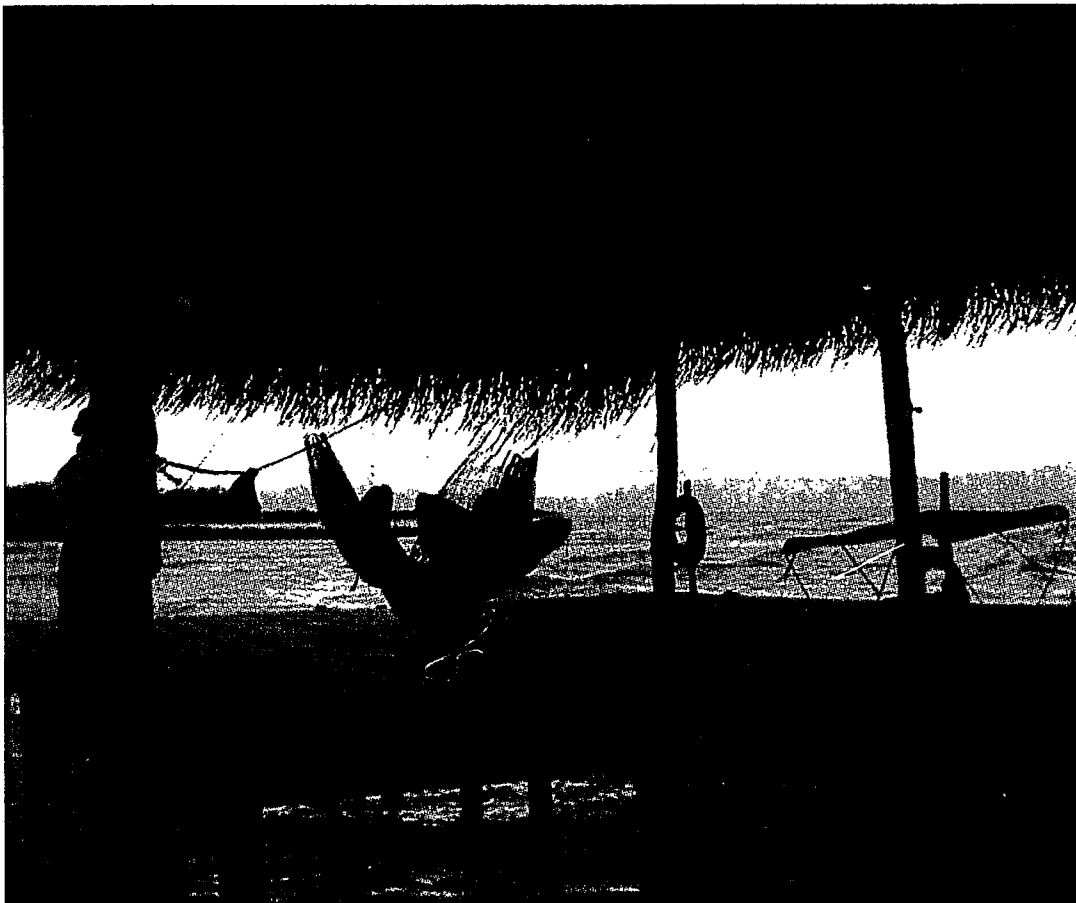
*A trip to paradise - on three dollars a day (no tax)*

BY BENNIE SHALLBETTER  
Staff Writer

Last week I visited paradise and it was a life changing experience. One of those glimpses you rarely get, into another world and another way of life: Guatemala.

When my husband Michael announced that we were going on the trip I must admit that I was a little apprehensive. Wasn't Guatemala the place where there were revolutions and guerillas running around the jungle with rifles? And we really knew very little about the family we were to visit, the Poncianos.

Michael was going to teach flying in Edgar Ponciano's newly acquired ultra-light aircraft at a ranch on the North coast of the country. My apprehension was eased a little when I discovered that Edgar's wife Delores was a native of Opelousas, LA.,



My husband, Michael Shallbetter, takes a siesta in a hammock overlooking the lake.

and married Edgar more than 40 years ago after they met at LSU.

After suffering through the airports - we were searched twice leaving the country and not at all upon return - we arrived late in Guatemala City, which is nestled in the mountains in the center of the country. That is where the

incredible hospitality began.

After a good night's sleep and a breakfast of fresh fruit, tortillas, black beans and plantains in mole sauce, we set out for one of the three ranches owned by the Ponciano family, this one in the southern part of the country. We passed volcanos,

small bustling towns and sugarcane fields. The road to the ranch was a small dirt path through the mountains which passed across a creek.

I learned that driving was a different animal here. Passing seemed to be allowed everywhere without rules, on busy city streets or on curvy moun-

tain roads, you sounded your horn and stepped on the gas pedal and people moved aside. Police dotted the roadside on foot, though it was hard to imagine what people were ticketed for.

With us was one of the maids that we were returning to the ranch after her visit to the city. All along the road were men who worked the ranch, walking with their machetes. On this ranch we saw coffee fields, rubber trees, sugar cane, a talapia fish farm and of course horses and cattle. Many families lived and worked here. The terrain was covered with beautiful flowering trees in every color, air plants, coconut palms, mango, banana and papaya trees.

At the house we were served, fresh coffee, more tortillas, crackling, grilled pork and of course, fruit. We toured the farm, learned how to harvest rubber, fed the fish, watched a man mill beautiful lumber right at the edge of the jungle by hand and learned the coffee harvesting process. Cheese was also produced on the farm.

The next day we left for the northern ranch, where

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## Now Along Comes Spring

Spring comes in spurts. It leaves you not sure if it's real or not. Can you plan on it, can you start your garden? If you put the tomato plants in too early and there is a late frost, you'll have to start again.

Stella's philosophy for this problem of spring planting is simple. Go ahead and put the plants in early. If a late frost hits them, all you've lost are a few plants. But, if a frost doesn't hit them, you have your first crop of tomatoes

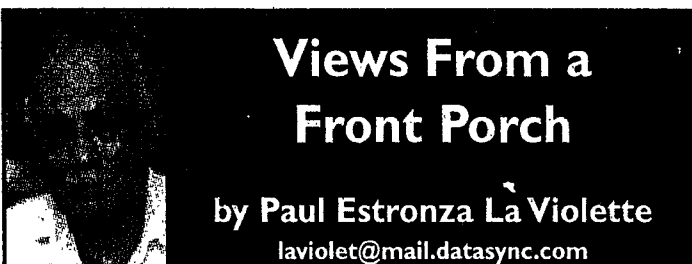
a couple of weeks early.

But then comes a moment when you realize that spring is really here and that the cold is really gone. You know it really is spring because the pecans have broken out in bud. With the spring, the rains start. I don't mean the gentle spring rains of the "April showers bring May flowers" variety, I mean the heavy monsoonal, one-, two-, maybe three-inches-in-an-hour variety of rain.

You can sit on the porch and watch it come, usually

from the west. Dark blue sky at the horizon, lightning, distant thunder, a show of power, subdued at first, but then growling louder and louder, Wham! Wham! Wham! Closer and closer, maybe wrapping around to the back of the house and whamming with an impressive light and sound show just to the north of us.

And then Stella coming home and saying people are drowning in the shopping center one mile away and "can you believe that the rain stopped complete-



### Views From a Front Porch

by Paul Estronza LaViolette  
laviole@mail.datasync.com

ly at the railway tracks just a little way up the street!" Around us, the roads are dry.

Or in front of the house, you see moving far across the waters of the Sound, long majestic horizontal lines of dark blue power, heavy squall lines, moving with feathery dripping curtains of rain below the clouds, and intermingled

with them lightning and the bass, ever present, thunder, while you sit in sunlight watching the show. Or closer in, almost on top of you, and the lightning and thunder are almost continuous, non-stopping, on and on and on and on.

Or it comes sweeping

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# What's for Lunch?

APRIL 8-12

## Bay St. Louis-Waveland

### School District Chef Salad, Milk and Condiments served daily BREAKFAST

**Monday:** Pancake and Sausage Stick, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

**Tuesday:** Sausage and Biscuit, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

**Wednesday:** Grits and Hashbrowns, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

**Thursday:** Grilled Cheese Sandwich, Cereal, Toast, Fruit Juice

**Friday:** Cinnamon-Raisin Biscuit

### LUNCH

**Monday:** Franks and Gravy, Ham and Cheese with Trimmings, Creamed

Potatoes, Green Beans, Fresh Apple, Peach Slices, Yeast Roll, Apple Crisp

**Tuesday:** Stuffed Crust Pizza, Roast Beef Pobo with Gravy, Buttered Corn, Cheesy Broccoli, Pineapple Tidbits, Fresh Banana, Jell-O Cake

**Wednesday:** Chicken Gumbo with Rice, Corn Dog Nuggets, Potato Salad, Mixed Vegetables, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Frozen Fruit Juice Bar, Peanut Butter Chew, Crackers

**Thursday:** Taco Salad, BBQ Rib Sandwich, Cream-style Corn, Cheesy Broccoli and Cauliflower, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Chilled Pears

**Friday:** Lasagna, Texas Grilled Cheese Sandwich with Vegetable Beef Soup, French Fries, Green Peas, Fresh Fruit Bowl, Tropical

Fruit Mix, Yellow Cake with Icing, Yeast Roll

**Hancock County School District information was not available at press time.**

## Bay Catholic Elementary School

### BREAKFAST

**Monday:** Breakfast Bagel, Juice, Milk

**Tuesday:** Iced Cinnamon-Raisin Biscuit, Juice, Milk

**Wednesday:** Pancake with Syrup, Juice, Milk

**Thursday:** Hashbrowns, Egg and Sausage, Milk, Juice

**Friday:** Biscuit with Jelly, Milk, Juice

### LUNCH

**Milk or Juice served with every meal**

**Monday:** Stuffed Crust Pizza or Chef's Salad, Peas or Mixed Veggies, Apple Slices or Fruit Cocktail

**Tuesday:** Hot Dog or Chef's Salad, French Fries or Baked Beans, Peaches or Applesauce

**Wednesday:** Turkey Ham Sub or Chef's Salad, Tater Tots or Peas, Pears or Pineapple

**Thursday:** Grilled Chicken Sandwich or Chef's Salad, Green Beans or Carrots, Oranges or Apple Slices

**Friday:** Fish Sticks or Chef's Salad, Parslied Potatoes or Calif. Blend Veggies, Calif. Fruit Cocktail or Pineapple

All menus subject to change.



Gus McKay, left, and Bert Hopgood.

## McKay, Hopgood inducted into Phi Theta Kappa

Gus McKay and Bert Hopgood have met the qualifications for membership in Phi Theta Kappa International Honor Society of the Two Year Colleges.

The Mission of the organization states: "The purpose of Phi Theta Kappa shall be to recognize and encourage scholarship among two-year college students."

"To achieve this purpose, Phi Theta Kappa shall provide for the

development of leadership and service, for an intellectual climate for exchange of ideas and ideals, for lively fellowship for scholars, and for stimulation of interest in continuing academic excellence."

A formal induction ceremony was held Feb. 28 at Pearl River Community College where they both attend. Membership in Phi Theta Kappa is a most prestigious honor.



Katie Hursey

## MUW students, faculty recognized

Two Mississippi nursing associations recently recognized Mississippi University for Women students, faculty and graduates at a convention in Biloxi.

Four nursing students were inducted into the Mississippi Student Nurses Association Hall of Fame.

The honors were bestowed upon senior Autumn Britt of Molena, Ga.; senior Brandy Bruce of Columbus; May 2001 graduate Jaclyn Butler Dyer of Brandon and senior Katie Hursey of Pass Christian. Junior Eva Ruehling of Hamilton was named the MSNA Northeast District representative for Mississippi.

MUW's MSNA chapter received the MSNA Director at Large Project Award for its "Helping Hands" project and the MSNA Scrapbook Award.

Not only did MUW nursing students receive recognition at the convention, but graduates and a faculty member received honors as well.

Lynn Chilton of Columbus was named the Mississippi Nurses Association Public Policy/Health Affairs Nurse of the Year.

Donna Dubosh of Tupelo, a MUW graduate, received MNA's Nurse Educator of the Year, and Jenean Smith, also a MUW graduate from Mooreville, received the MNA Women's Health Nurse of the Year.

MUW graduate Teresa Stanford-Becker of Amory was selected as the MNA Nurse Practitioner of the Year.

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## Head Start recruitment

Head Start has announced its recruitment drive for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, April 8-10, 8 a.m.-2 p.m. Applications will be on hand to fill out, and parents will need to bring a certified birth certificate, proof of family income for 2001 (W2 on income tax), compliance letter from the Health Department and a Social Security card. Children will be enrolled on a first-come, first-served basis according to income guidelines and all other requirements. There will be face painting, refreshments, and activities provided for the children.

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## Another milestone for Pass Boys and Girls Club

The Pass Christian Unit of the Boys and Girls Club of the Gulf Coast marked the completion of the new expanded computer lab with a ribbon cutting ceremony and a reception for board members and special guests.

The Club now has 20 computers and a wide range of educational software for various age levels which the members use to improve their basic skills.

The lab was first started two years ago with a gift of 10 computers from Ron and Laura Ladner. Ten additional computers were recently donated to the club by

PowerUp, and the software was donated by Microsoft and the Gates Foundation. The Bell South Pioneers have provided Fast Access DSL Internet service.

The Pass Christian Unit averages a daily attendance of 85 members who come to the club after school. The members work on homework, computers, crafts, sports and life skills.

This is definitely the positive place to be. The Boys and Girls Club of the Gulf Coast is a United Way Agency.

For more information about the Pass Christian Unit, call 452-6010.

## Hancock School District community interest meetings begin Wednesday

The Hancock County School District will have five community interest meetings for input on future construction and growth planning. The schedule is:

Wednesday, April 10, 5:30, Charles B. Murphy Elementary cafeteria

Wednesday, April 10, 7 p.m., Gulfview Elementary cafeteria

Thursday, April 11, 5:30 p.m., East Hancock

Elementary cafeteria  
Thursday, April 11, 7 p.m., Hancock North Central Elementary cafeteria

Tuesday, April 16, 7 p.m., Hancock Middle/High School at Hancock Middle library

For more information about these meetings, contact Jeannie Klein at the superintendent's office at 255-0376.

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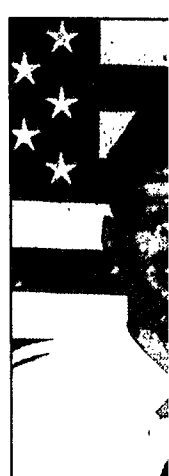
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## AIRMAN

Air Force Class Marcus was graduated from military Lackland Air San Antonio.

During the training, the Air Force organization performed duty marches, physical training, and in addition, who complete earn credits, associate degree Community Air Force. H Sharon Alexa graduate of School.



## PV

Marine F Ortiz, son of Robin Poon, Louis and D Waveland, v Feb. 23 from Camp at Pa

He is currently Infantry Sgt. Geiger, N.C. ed in the 1013. He is man. Ortiz is Bay High S 2001.

His mother and father are Cu Favre of Bay paternal grandfather Ralph and Waveland.

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## DRAKE

Drake A the Necaise community left for Lackland training in Texas.

He was 10 2001 to be training at Force Base Texas.

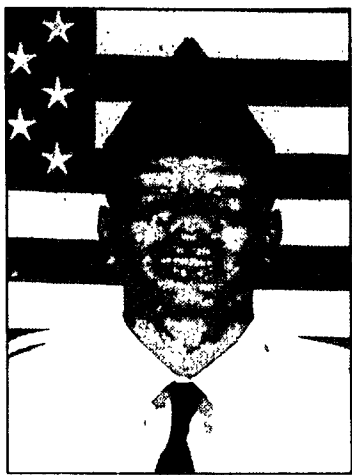
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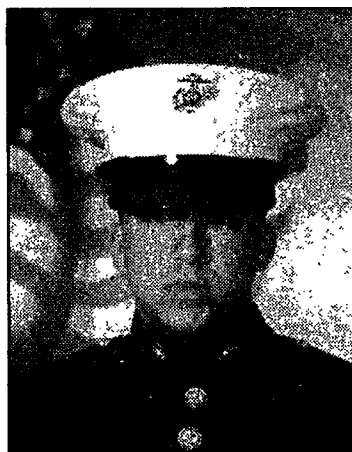
# Military Mention



**AIRMAN ALEXANDER**

Air Force Airman 1st Class Marcus A. Alexander was graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Sharon Alexander of Bay St. Louis. Alexander is a 2001 graduate of Bay High School.



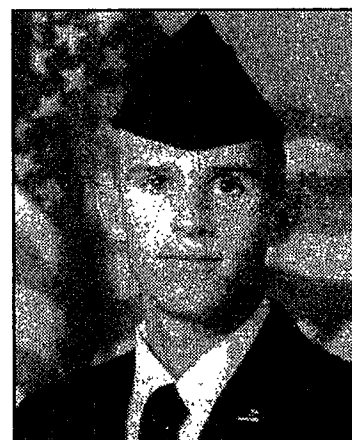
**PVT ORTIZ**

Marine Pvt. Steven L. Ortiz, son of Terry and Robin Poore of Bay St. Louis and Dominic Ortiz of Waveland was graduated Feb. 23 from Marine Boot Camp at Parris Island, S.C.

He is currently attending Infantry School at Camp Geiger, N.C. Ortiz graduated in the Honor Platoon 1013. He is an expert rifleman. Ortiz is a graduate of Bay High School, class of 2001.

His maternal grandparents are Curtis and Jessie Favre of Bay St. Louis; his paternal grandparents are Ralph and Mary Sander of Waveland.

He is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Favre Sr.



**DRAKE LADNER**

Drake Avery Ladner of the Necaise Crossing community left June 26, 2001 for Lackland Air Force Base training in San Antonio, Texas.

He was graduated Aug. 10 2001 to begin tech school training at Sheppard Air Force Base in Wichita Falls, Texas.

Ladner's military career will consist of being an Aerospace Ground Equipment Apprentice (AGE). He was graduated from tech school Feb. 1, 2002.

Home on leave now, will leave for Eglin Air Force Base in Destin, Fla. for the next two years.

He is the son of David and Wendy Ladner and grandson of Shelby and Yvonne Ladner, all of Necaise Crossing, and O. J. and Sarah Shiyou of the Fenton community.

## AIRMAN ELLIS

Airman Jason S. Ellis, son of John F. Ellis and Katharine Hager of Pass Christian, was graduated Jan. 11 from the 338th Training Squadron at Keesler Air Force Base with two Ace awards.

He will be assigned to the 552nd Component Repair Squadron at Tinker Air Force Base in Oklahoma.

## PVT LADNER

Army National Guard Pvt. Justin E. Ladner was graduated from basic infantry training at Fort Benning, Columbus, Ga.

The soldier received training in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions. During infantry training, he developed basic combat skills and battlefield operations and tactics, and experienced using various weapons and weapons defenses available to the infantry crewman.

Ladner is the son of Eddie Ladner Jr. of Pearllington and Kathleen Gex of Bay St. Louis.

He is a 2001 graduate of St. Stanislaus High School, Bay St. Louis.

## AIRMAN BROOME

Air Force Airman Joseph E. Broome was graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force.

He is the son of Lisa and Mike Broome of Bay St. Louis and a 2000 graduate of Hancock High School.

## PVT IRENZE

Army National Guard Pvt. Massimo Irenze was graduated from basic military training at Fort Leonard Wood, Waynesville, Mo. During training, the trainee received instruction in drill and ceremonies, weapons, map reading, tactics, military courtesy, military justice, physical fitness, first aid, and Army history and traditions. Irenze is the son of Aurelio Irenze of Pass Christian and brother of Marco Irenze of Las Vegas, Nev.

## SEAMAN VILLALTA

Navy Seaman Recruit Owen O. Villalta, son of Norma L. and Orlando O. Villalta of Waveland, recently was graduated from Operations Specialist School.

During the course at the Fleet Combat Training Center Dam Neck, Virginia Beach, Va., students learn to operate surveillance and search radars, recognize and identify electronic signals, control aircraft approach devices and operate electronic navigation systems.

Studies are designed to prepare operations specialists for duty in a shipboard combat information center or at a shore-based fleet training center.

Villalta is a 2001 graduate of Hancock High School and joined the Navy in June 2001.

## SEAMAN LUNSFORD

Coast Guard Seaman Apprentice James W. Lunsford, son of Pamela M. Lunsford of Waveland and James K. Lunsford of Pass Christian, recently was graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Recruit Training Center in Cape May, N.J., and was promoted to his present rank.

During the eight-week training program, Lunsford completed a curriculum consisting of classroom aca-

demics and practical instruction on military customs and courtesies, water safety and survival, seamanship skills, first aid, fire fighting and marksmanship. A major emphasis is also placed on physical fitness and health.

Lunsford and other recruits also received instruction on the Coast Guard's three core values: honor, respect and devotion to duty - and how to apply them in their military performance and personal conduct. To reinforce the team concept, Lunsford, and other recruits were trained in preventing sexual harassment, drug and alcohol awareness, civil rights training, and the basics of the work-life balance, as well as total quality management. Lunsford is now among 36,000 men and women who comprise the Coast Guard's force. Lunsford is a 2000 graduate of Pass Christian High.

## SGT MANIX

Randy L. Manix has been promoted to the rank of sergeant in the U.S. Army National Guard. Manix is a gunner assigned to the 1st Battalion, 115th Infantry in Tuzla, Bosnia-Herzegovina. He is the son of Carolyn Manix of Poplarville and Sidney Manix of Waveland.

## NPO3 HAMPTON

Navy Petty Officer 3rd Class Kevin M. Hampton, son of Becky and Gary Hampton of Pass Christian, recently returned from a six-month deployment to the Mediterranean Sea and

Arabian Gulf while assigned to the aircraft carrier USS Carl Vinson, home ported in Bremerton, Wa.

Hampton's ship was one of the first to respond to our nation's call to fight terrorism, proudly participating in Operation Enduring Freedom. USS Carl Vinson aircraft flew 4,200 combat flights and expended more than two million pounds of ammunition in support of the operation.

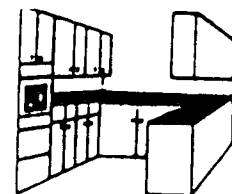
During the first half of the deployment, Hampton's ship made several port visits, including Pattaya Beach, Thailand where sailors had the opportunity to shop, sightsee and enjoy the local culture and cuisine. Hampton is a 1998 graduate of Pass Christian High School.

## AIRMAN SAUCIER

Air National Guard Airman 1st Class Louis J. Saucier was graduated from basic military training at Lackland Air Force Base, San Antonio, Texas.

During the six weeks of training, the airman studied the Air Force mission, organization, and customs; performed drill and ceremony marches, and received physical training and special training in human relations. In addition, airmen who complete basic training earn credits toward an associate degree through the Community College of the Air Force. He is the son of Louis Saucier Sr. of Waveland. His grandmother, Joyce Rhodes, resides in Bay St. Louis. Saucier is a 1999 graduate of Bay High.

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## Paradise -- Guatemala

we would meet many of Edgar's five children and their children Easter week is a major holiday in Guatemala and the family traditionally celebrated at the ranch, which was located on Lago (lake) de Izabel near the town of Merisco. Before this year the ranch could only be reached by boat from Merisco, where the family also maintained a home, but the road to Merisco had been paved and a dirt road to the farm had been built this past year.

The road through the mountains was lined with small houses with palm leaf roofs and a jungle filled with palm trees, some a 100 feet tall or more. Fruit trees were everywhere. Armed men guarded the gate when the road reached Edgar's property, a ranch that was four miles by six miles.

Many, many families lived here along the lake and worked on the ranch. The main product here was a special breed of cattle created by Edgar to suit the climate of the area. We began our routine for the next five days.

All meals were served by the maids. Each day our beds were stripped and the



Our host Edgar Ponciano, right, demonstrates how rubber is harvested on his ranches.

bedding put in the sun to air. The maids made an average salary of \$3 a day. Regular jobs in the city paid about \$1.25/hr. On the ranch, of course, housing was provided and all medical care. Shopping was done by boat.

Every morning we awoke to a breakfast of fresh papaya, pineapple, mango, cashew fruit (yes, where the nuts come from), banana, and fresh coffee. The lake in the morning was as smooth

as glass. This was the time for flying for Michael.

Before breakfast, our horses were saddled, the main transportation around the ranch, and I would dress in swimsuit and sarong and ride my horse the two miles to Deanna's house, one of Edgar and Delores' children, where she, her sister Debbie, and their husbands and eight children were staying. Along the way women and children of the workers would be doing

their laundry, dishes, or bathing, all in the lake.

At Deanna's we would sit in hammocks, have more coffee and visit or sit in the sun. They were surprised to hear I had only one child. Never in Guatemala, they said. On the way back I would sometimes stop for a ride in the ultra-light, or return to the house to visit with Delores and her daughter-in-law, Michelle and her three children.

Around ten or eleven the swimming barge would be set up in the lake by the workers and all of us would go out for a swim. All the children could swim, except the two babies, and they all rode horses as well. When lunch was ready we would either ride back in boats or swim to shore with the boats alongside.

By now, the daily breeze had begun to pick up and by afternoon the lake would have large waves. By evening the breeze would cool and blow through the house. Most of the windows were only screen, no glass being needed. More riding, swimming, or relaxing passed the afternoon. And dinner was served around 6 p.m. or so and there was

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much talking around the table.

At night gates were locked to the tall fence surrounding the house, and guard dogs let out. A man watched the house all night. The Poncianos said this was a habit left from the 30 years of civil war in the country, when there was a chance of guerilla fighters appearing from the mountains. Edgar carried a gun in his pocket at all times, though there was never any sign of trouble.

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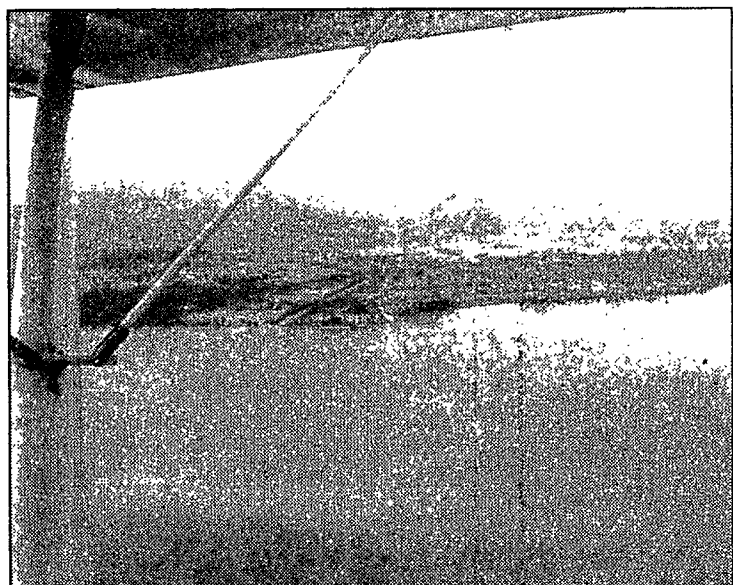
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## Pace -- reforestation

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These "superior seedlings" may be from forest industry or state agency tree programs. "Improved seedlings" have become much more available in the last decade, and these seedlings are being widely planted because they grow on average 10% faster (or more) than "woods run" (average wild stock) seedlings.

Tree improvement programs and forest genetics research have been conducted throughout the world since about the 1950s. Generally, tree improvement programs for the conifer species were begun earlier because of their economic value and the fact they are more frequently planted.

Tree improvement projects with broadleaf tree species have also been underway for at least 20 years. Some of the "hardwood" tree species in tree improvement programs around the world include black walnut, sugar maple, birches (black, yellow and paper), European black alder, white ash, poplars, willows, northern red oak, and eucalyptus.

The most widely available improved tree seedlings to Mississippi landowners are "improved" pine, principally Loblolly pine.

These trees can be purchased from the Mississippi Forestry Commission or forest industry nurseries such as Weyerhaeuser or International Paper Co.

Landowners purchasing seedlings should be sure to match the seed source of the seedlings with the planting locality.

For more information on forest genetics and tree improvement check the following references.

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• *A Guide to Southern Pine Seed Sources* by Clark W. Lantz and John Kraus, 1987. Southeastern Forest Experiment Station, Asheville, N.C. Gen. Tech. Rep. SE-43, 34 pp.

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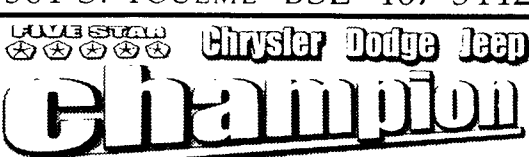
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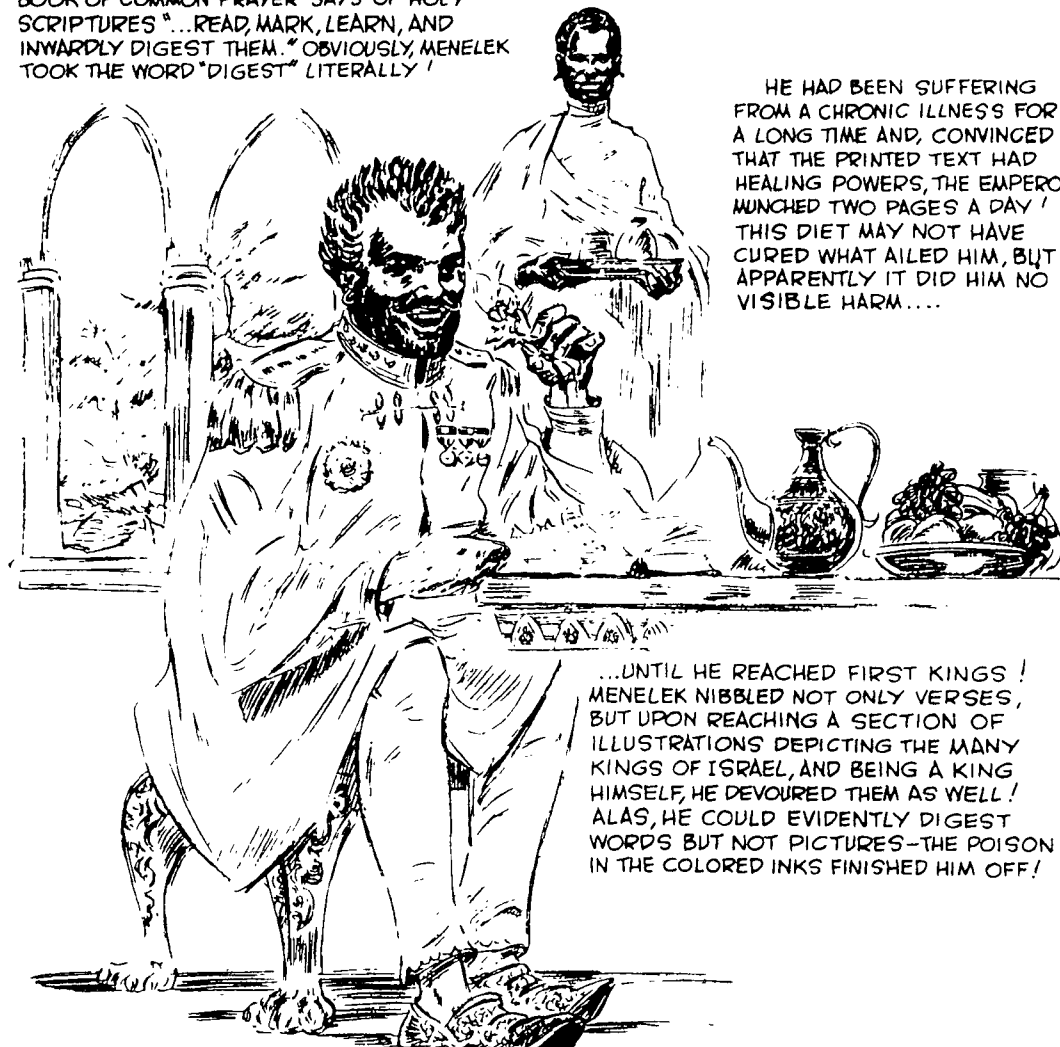
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"What do you think about the Jabez Prayer? Everybody's talking about it, and there's a book about it. Have you read the prayer?"

Put to me a few months ago, those questions caught me flatfooted. I must have read it along with the rest of the Bible over the years, but did not remember it. So a fired-up member of our Bible study group handed me a printout from 1 Chronicles 4:10. I read the prayer once, twice, three times:

"And Jabez called on the God of Israel, saying, 'Oh, that you would bless me indeed, and enlarge my territory, that you would keep me from evil, that I may not cause pain!' So God granted him what he requested."

My reaction was to wince and wonder: "You are excited about that prayer? Although it is basically a decent prayer, it is a selfish prayer which does not merit the huge amount of attention it is getting."

Opening my Bible to 1 Chronicles 4:10, I noticed a discrepancy between the Bible text and the printout. After the first part, "enlarge my boundaries (territory)," the Bible text reads: "Help me and make me free of misfortune, without pain!"

That rendition from the Bible is even more selfish than the printout version, for it does not speak of not causing pain to others, but only of not having pain within oneself. I made this clear to the folks present.

Chastened, several Bible study members reread the prayer and fought within themselves to understand why I called the prayer selfish. It was obviously distasteful for them to question their unabashed enthusiasm about the prayer and glowing claims from people who were using it.

Seeing that no one there was getting much insight into why the prayer could be considered selfish, I volunteered another Bible passage where the story of a very unselfish prayer is recounted. "Turn to 1 Kings 3:5-14," I suggested to them, "and you will find a great example of unselfish prayer."

God told Solomon to ask something of him, and Solomon responded with great simplicity: "Lord, I am a mere youth. Give your servant, therefore, an understanding heart to judge your people and to distinguish right from wrong. For who is able to govern this vast people of yours?"

Contrasting the prayer of King Solomon with that of Jabez, the first thing we notice is that the king asked for nothing for himself, but

only for the knowledge and wisdom to govern God's people.

Jabez, on the other hand, does petition God purely on his own behalf.

In fact, the prayer is for the most part materialistic: "extend my boundaries! Help me and make me free of misfortune, without pain!"

Don't get me wrong. There is nothing objectionable of itself about selfish prayer. The only puzzlement comes from the fact that so many people are captivated by the prayer much more than by other prayers which go beyond our selfish ends, reaching out to our sisters and brothers near and far.

To be sure, Jesus tells us: "Ask, and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you" (Matthew 7:7). In that generic statement, Jesus does not tell us what to pray for, but elsewhere he specifies, particularly in giving us the Lord's Prayer.

If the Jabez enthusiasts turn for a moment to the Lord's Prayer, they will see the best of all prayers which begins with the praise of God: "hallowed be thy name." It continues with the furtherance of God's reign, "thy kingdom come," and moves on with the governance of the universe: "thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

The second half of the Lord's prayer turns to personal needs. "Give us this day our daily bread," personal obligations, "and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us," and spiritual wholeness: "and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us evil" (Matthew 6:9-13).

Obviously, Jesus knew how to talk to his Father, and sported all the credentials to instruct us on what to say when we pray. So, the most important part of our prayer is always praise of God, thanks to God and the furtherance of God's reign and will. That is the most unselfish prayer.

Second only to that prayer, praying for others is likewise unselfish, unless we pray for material things which will benefit both them and us.

As long as we pray for the spiritual health and eternal salvation and life of ourselves and others, we are promoting God's will, the first part of the Lord's Prayer.

So, how unselfish is your prayer? You can answer that with the greatest of ease, comparing how you pray and what you pray for with the mind of Jesus, so wonderfully expressed in the Lord's Prayer.

Women In Ministry hosts  
spiritual growth conference

Founder and president of Women In Ministry, Dr. Patricia Lee announces the group's upcoming Spring Prophetic Conference, April 11, 12 and 13 for the men and women.

Purpose and theme will be, "Going Beyond ... Where You Are Now to a Place You Have Never Been, Going From the Mountain of Revelation to the Mountain of His Glory."

Opening ceremony will be Thursday night at 7 with Judah Troop Int. under the direction of Francis Taylor. Judah Troop will be opening each night with praise, worship and celebration. Rev. Dwight Jones will be ministering in the evening services.

"Women In Ministry is an interdenominational group of women united in Jesus Christ to see our community, our region, our state, our nation and world reached with the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, with power and demonstration and to help create unity among the Body of Christ," a spokesperson said.

The out-of-town speakers will be Evangelist Dwight Jones for Dallas, Texas. He will be the keynote speaker on Thursday and Friday nights.

Rev. Jones is the founder of "Vision For the Nations." He has been in full-time evangelism for the

past 38 years.

He has become a national and international speaker and has worked closely with Ruth Hefflin Ward's ministry in Richmond Va. and still serves on the board of this large national ministry.

Prophetess Carolyn Sisson will be speaking in the 10 a.m. services Friday and Saturday morning service. She is president of Eastgate Ministry, a prophetic ministry with a present-day call for revival.

She and her husband of 35 years, pastor "The Little White Church" located on the LH7 Ranch in Katy, Texas.

Dr. Sandra Seale will be speaking in the Friday and Saturday afternoon services at 2. Dr. Seale is a psychologist by profession.

In the Saturday, April 12, 2 p.m. service, Dr. Seale and the Prophetic Team will be ministering to the sick and hurting.

The public is invited to come and bring the sick, afflicted and hurting loved ones, friends, and neighbors.

Conference location: Resurrection Life Worship Center, 18 Stafford Road (1/4 mile south of I-59 Past Wal-Mart Super Store off Why 43 St.). The conference is free, and a nursery will be provided.

For information, call Dr. Patricia Lee (601) 799-5656 or Barbara Grantham (601) 798-2310.

## The "Word" for the Week

## The art of enjoying God

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The ultimate goal of every Christian person is life with God in heaven. Listen to what heaven will bring. "Behold, the tabernacle of God is among men, and He shall dwell among them, and they shall be His peoples, and God Himself shall dwell among them, and He shall wipe away every tear from their eyes; and there shall no longer be any death; there shall no longer be any mourning, or crying, or pain" (Revelation 21:3-4).

To enjoy heaven is to delight in God; what rapture that will be. But you do not have to wait for heavenly bliss. Those who trust in the sacrifice of Christ for the forgiveness of their sins have foretastes of that ecstasy now. How? Simple!

God is present with every Christian person. The presence of God's Holy Spirit produces special fruit: "love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control" (Galatians 5:22-23).

Are you seeking love, joy, and peace? They come from God. Perhaps you need to learn the lost art of enjoying Him.

To hear more on the same topic, call toll free for the "mini-message of the week," 1-800-777-0389 or visit [www.w-e-m.org](http://www.w-e-m.org).

## St. Joseph Church News

St. Joseph Catholic Church in Pearllington April events include:

Mass schedule: Sunday, 10:30 a.m.; Mon.-Sat., Rosary at 8 a.m. followed by mass

Sacrament of Penance: Before all masses or by appointment

St. Joseph Devotion: Every Wednesday before mass

Adult education classes: Every Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Eucharistic Adoration: Every Friday 2-7 p.m.

Sacred Heart Devotion: Special devotion every Friday before morning mass.

Choir practice: Those interested, contact Ann Seale or Yvonne Viguerie.

CYO: The CYO meets every Wednesday at 7 p.m. Rhonda Darby need help with this ministry. Those interested, please contact her.

Divine Mercy Sunday: The Feast of Divine Mercy is Sunday, April 7. Novenas for Divine Mercy: Now through Sunday, April 7.

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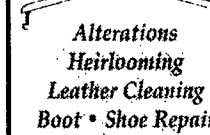
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## Morell named STAR student at Stanislaus

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Bobby Morell, St. Stanislaus senior, has been named as a STAR (Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition) Student for the 2001-2002 school year by the Mississippi Economic Council's M.B. Swayze Educational Foundation, sponsor of the STAR program, according to Brother Ronald Hingle, SC, principal.

Bobby Morell will be honored during the 12th annual Education Celebration April 26 at Mississippi College in Clinton.

The event is co-sponsored by Entergy Mississippi.

Each STAR Student is asked to designate a STAR Teacher, the classroom teacher who has made the greatest contribution to the student's scholastic achievement.

Tom Ackerman was designated by Morell as his STAR Teacher.

Ackerman has been teaching for the past 29 years, and he currently teaches Spanish at St. Stanislaus.

He is also the newspaper moderator.

Morell is the son of Mr.

and Mrs. Aldo Morell of Gulfport.

He is a member of the National Honor Society, the Quiz Bowl Team, and FIRST Robotics Competition Team.

He is also a National Merit Finalist. He plans to attend MIT and major in engineering.

STAR students are selected on the basis of academic excellence. Both ACT scores and high school class averages are compared to determine the school's STAR Student, explained Peggy Howard of Jackson, chief operating officer of the Swayze Foundation.

"The STAR program encourages and promotes academic achievement among Mississippi's high school seniors," she said.

Nearly 500 STAR Students and STAR Teachers will receive recognition from Mississippi Economic Council's Swayze Foundation at the celebration.

The top 20 STAR Students and their STAR Teachers will be presented scholarships or awards provided by the Kelly Gene Cook, Sr., Charitable Foundation.

One of the top 20 STAR



Bobby Morell



Tom Ackerman

Students will be chosen as the Mississippi STAR Student for 2002 and will receive a \$24,000 Cook Foundation scholarship.

Additional local support for the STAR program is provided by Mississippi Economic Council members in communities across the state.

## Ross named STAR at Bay High

### SPECIAL TO THE ECHO

Felicity S. Ross has been named as a STAR (Student-Teacher Achievement Recognition) Student for the 2001-2002 school year by the Mississippi Economic Council's M.B. Swayze Educational Foundation, sponsor of the STAR program.

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Ross, 18, is the daughter of Keith and Lisa Ross of Bay St. Louis.

She is a member of the National Honor Society and the French Club. She served DECA as chapter vice president, chapter president, and is now state president. She is listed in *Who's Who* and was Miss Teen Gulf Coast in 10th grade. She was also a top 10 finalist in DECA's national competition in



Felicity Ross and Lady Bruce

grades 10 and 11.

Her plans are to attend college to study marketing and business administration.

Each STAR Student is asked to designate a STAR Teacher, the classroom teacher who has made the greatest contribution to the student's scholastic achievement.

Lady Stone Bruce was designated STAR Teacher. She lives in Diamondhead and has been teaching for 17 years. Presently she teaches marketing management technology at Bay High School.

Bruce earned a bachelor of science degree in 1980 at Mississippi State University and a master of education degree in 1985.

Her honors include: 1989-90, Mississippi Cooperative Education

Teacher of the Year, 1991-94, District II DECA Advisor of the Year, 1998, District IV DECA Advisor of the Year, and 2001-02, District IV Marketing Educator of the Year.

She was selected STAR Teacher in also 1990.

Nearly 500 STAR Students and STAR Teachers will receive recognition from MEC's Swayze Foundation at the celebration. The top 20 STAR Students - the ALL-STAR Scholars - and their STAR Teachers will be presented scholarship awards provided by the Kelly Gene Cook, Sr. Charitable Foundation.

The highlight of the Education Celebration will be the naming of the Mississippi STAR Student for 2002, winner of the prestigious \$24,000 Cook Foundation scholarship.

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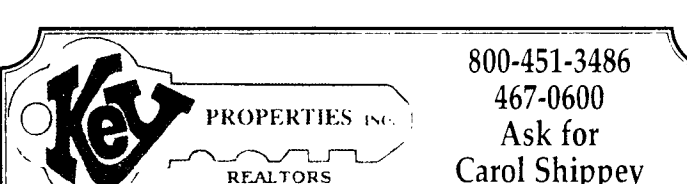
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Must see 228-255-6795.

OWNER FINANCE, NEW 3br/2ba,  
cathedral ceiling, fireplace, brick,  
\$92,500, \$6,000/down. Total note  
\$850/includes tax/insurance. Corner  
of Margie & Ryan, Waveland. Call  
228-467-4479 or  
goldcoastrealty2000.com.

SALE BY OWNER: Owner can ar-  
range financing. 3br/2ba, custom  
built, new, many extras, 84ft x24ft.  
Paved, covered pit or parking area  
down stairs, 2 lots, 105x127, great  
location. \$99,000.00. 1-985-649-  
0826

## Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF  
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
WILLIAM JAMES THOMAS, deceased  
ALICE THOMAS GUILLOT, ADMINISTRATRIX  
CAUSE NO. 2001-903

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF  
WILLIAM JAMES THOMAS, DECEASED  
YOU HAVE BEEN MADE A DEFENDANT IN  
THE SUIT FILED IN THIS COURT BY ALICE  
THOMAS GUILLOT ADMINISTRATRIX, SEE-  
ING PETITION TO ESTABLISH HEIRS AND  
CLOSE ESTATE  
YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DE-  
FEND AGAINST THIS COMPLAINT OR PETI-  
TION FILED AGAINST YOU IN THIS ACTION  
AT 9:30 O'CLOCK A.M. ON THE 1 DAY OF  
MAY 2002, IN THE COURTROOM OF THE  
CHANCERY COURT AT THE HANCOCK  
COUNTY COURTHOUSE AT BAY ST. LOUIS  
MISSISSIPPI, AND IN CASE OF YOUR FAIL-  
URE TO APPEAR AND DEFEND A JUDGMENT  
WILL BE ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE  
MONEY OR OTHER THINGS DEMANDED  
IN THE COMPLAINT OR PETITION  
YOU ARE NOT REQUIRED TO FILE AN AN-  
SWER OR OTHER PLEADING BUT YOU MAY  
DO SO IF YOU DESIRE  
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court,  
this 20 day of March, 2002  
(Seal)

Timothy A. Keller  
Chancery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi  
BY Enca Canabed D.C.  
Dated 03/20/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF  
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF  
SYLVESTER JOHN TURNER  
THOMAS T. TURNER PETITIONER  
CAUSE NO. 2001-903

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Letters of Testamentary having been granted on  
the 27th day of February, 2002, by the Chan-  
cery Clerk of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the  
undersigned upon the Estate of Sylvester John  
Turner, deceased, Cause No. 2001-903, notice is  
hereby given to all persons having claims against  
said estate to present the same to the Clerk of  
said Court for probate and registration according  
to law within ninety (90) days from the date of  
the first publication of this notice, or they will be for-  
ever barred  
This 11 day of March, 2002  
THOMAS T. TURNER, Executor  
Dated 03/27/02

OLEN LLOYD ANDERSON  
Attorney for EXECUTOR  
P.O. Box 358  
Bay St. Louis, MS 39521-3581  
Telephone 463-9090  
Facsimile 463-0431  
MS Bar No. 10050  
03/31, 04/07, 04/14/02

**ADVERTISEMENT FOR BIDS**  
Sealed bids will be received by the Board of  
Trustees of the Hancock County School District  
until 3:00 P.M., Friday, April 26, 2002, at the of-  
fice of the Food Service Supervisor, 17304 High-  
way 603, Kiln, MS 39556, for the purchase of  
CAFETERIA EQUIPMENT  
Specifications may be obtained from the office of  
the Food Service Supervisor. The right to reject  
any bid and all bids and to waive informalities are  
reserved by the Board of Trustees.  
Mike Ladner, Superintendent  
Hancock County School District  
04/07, 04/14/02

## Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF  
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF SYLVESTER JOHN TURNER  
THOMAS T. TURNER PETITIONER  
CAUSE NO. 2001-903

**SUMMONS**  
TO THE KNOWN AND UNKNOWN HEIRS AT  
LAW OF SYLVESTER JOHN TURNER, DE-  
CEASED, AND ANY OTHER PERSON CLAIM-  
ING ANY RIGHT, TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND  
TO THE ESTATE OF SYLVESTER JOHN  
TURNER, DECEASED  
YOU HAVE BEEN MADE RESPONDENTS IN THE lawsuit  
filed in this Court by THOMAS T. TURNER, Ex-  
ecutor  
The Petition filed against you has initiated a civil  
action seeking to have Sylvester John Turner,  
Thomas T. Turner, Patrick M. Turner and Joe  
Anne Turner Jones adjudicated and decreed by  
this Court be the sole and only heirs at law of  
SYLVESTER JOHN TURNER, DECEASED, as  
fully set out in the Petition on file in the Chan-  
cery Court of Hancock County, Mississippi  
YOU ARE SUMMONED TO APPEAR AND DE-  
FEND AGAINST THE PETITION FILED AGAINST YOU IN  
this action at 9:30 o'clock a.m. on the 1st day of May  
2002 in the courtroom of the HANCOCK COUN-  
TY COURTHOUSE AND/OR 208 Hwy. 90, Bay  
St. Louis, Mississippi, and in case of your failure  
to appear and defend a judgment will be entered  
against you for the money or other things de-  
manded in the petition.  
You are not required to file an answer or other  
pleading but you may do so if you desire  
ISSUED under my hand and seal of this Court on  
this 27 day of March, 2002  
TIMOTHY A. KELLER  
CHANCERY CLERK  
BY Pamela Cuevas D.C.  
DATED 3/27/02

03/31 04/07 04/14/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF  
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
JAKE E. COSPELICH COMPLAINTS  
VERSUS  
THE ESTATE OF MISSISSIPPI, JOY ROSE-  
MOND FAVALORO, DIAMONDHEAD COUN-  
TRY CLUB AND PROPERTY OWNERS ASSO-  
CIATION, INC., AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS  
HAVING OR CLAIMING TO HAVE ANY RIGHT,  
TITLE OR INTEREST IN AND TO THE PROP-  
ERTY DESCRIBED IN THE COMPLAINT  
DEFENDANTS

**NO 2002-101**  
**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
TO JOY ROSEMOND FAVALORO  
YOU HAVE BEEN MADE A DEFENDANT IN THE suit filed  
in this Court by JAKE E. COSPELICH AND GINA  
COSPELICH the Plaintiffs seeking a Bill of  
Complaint to Confirm Title. Defendants other  
than you in this action are THE STATE OF MIS-  
SISSIPPI, JOY ROSEMOND FAVALORO, DIAMONDHEAD COUNTRY CLUB AND PROP-  
ERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION INC  
You are required to mail or hand-deliver a copy of  
a written response of the Petition to Joy K. Jordan,  
Attorney for Plaintiffs, whose post office ad-  
dress is Post Office Drawer 280 Gulfport MS  
39502 and whose street address is 1819 24th  
Avenue Gulfport MS 39501  
YOUR RESPONSE MUST BE MAILED OR DELIV-  
ERED NOT LATER THAN THIRTY (30)  
DAYS AFTER THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH  
2002 WHICH IS THE DATE OF THE FIRST  
PUBLICATION OF THIS SUMMONS. IF YOUR  
RESPONSE IS NOT SO MAILED OR DELIV-  
ERED A JUDGMENT BY DEFAULT WILL BE  
ENTERED AGAINST YOU FOR THE MONEY  
OR OTHER RELIEF DEMANDED IN THE COM-  
PLAINT  
You must also file the original of your Response  
with the Clerk of this Court within a reasonable  
time afterward  
Issued under my hand and the seal of this Court  
the 27th day of March, 2002  
(Seal)

Tim A. Keller  
CHANCERY COURT CLERK  
BY Janet McArthur  
DEPUTY CLERK  
03/31 04/07 04/14 04/21/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT  
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF WILMA MORRIS BARRIOS, DECEASED  
CAUSE NO. 2002-158

**TO ALL WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL  
COME GREETINGS**  
WHEREAS, WILMA MORRIS BARRIOS late of  
said County, Deceased, had while she lived, at  
the time of her death, divers goods, rights and  
credits within the County and State aforesaid  
and did make and publish her Last Will and Tes-  
tament, and thereby constituted and appointed  
the said DAPHNE BARRIOS executor thereof  
and whereas also the said Will has been admit-  
ted to probate in our said Court and the said  
DAPHNE BARRIOS has taken oath and given  
bond as required by law  
WE DO THEREFORE HEREBY GRANT unto  
the said DAPHNE BARRIOS there our Letters of  
Testamentary authorizing and empowering her  
the said DAPHNE BARRIOS to make inventory of  
the estate of said testator and return the same in-  
to our Court as by law required to pay first the  
debts of said testator, and then the legacies con-  
tained in said Will so far as the good chattels  
and credits will extend and the law shall charge  
the said DAPHNE BARRIOS to execute and per-  
form the said last Will according to the true intent  
and meaning thereof and lastly to render a just  
and true account of her actions and doings here-  
in, when there required by this Court  
WITNESS, HONORABLE, Carter Bise Judge of  
the Chancery Court of the County of Hancock,  
on the 19th day of March, in the year 2002 the seal  
of said Court hereunto affixed  
ISSUED the 19th day of March 2002  
(Seal)

Timothy Keller Chancery Clerk  
Kim Bonano  
Deputy Clerk  
03/24, 03/31 04/07/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF  
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
ALFRED FRANCIS MCALEB, JR., DECEASED  
BY: ALFRED E. MCALEB, JR., ADMINISTRATOR  
NO. 2002-186

**CHANCERY SUMMONS**  
TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF  
ALFRED FRANCIS MCALEB, JR. DECEASED,  
AND ANY AND ALL PERSONS CLAIMING ANY  
LEGITIMATE OR EQUITABLE INTEREST IN AND TO  
THE ESTATE OF ALFRED E. MCALEB, JR.  
DECEASED  
YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED TO appear be-  
fore the Chancery Court of Hancock County, Mis-  
sissippi, on the 10th day of May, 2002 at 9:30  
o'clock a.m. at the Hancock County Courthouse  
Bay St. Louis, Mississippi at which time a hear-  
ing will be had on the Petition to Establish Heir-  
ship in said estate, at which time you shall enter  
objection if any you have  
THIS, the 27, day of March, 2002  
Timothy A. Keller, Chancery Clerk  
By Enca Canabed D.C.  
03/31 04/07 04/14/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF  
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE MATTER OF  
THE ESTATE OF  
ALFRED FRANCIS MCALEB, JR. DECEASED  
BY: ALFRED FRANCIS MCALEB, III, PETITIONER  
NO. 2002-186

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the  
27 day of March, 2002, by the Chancery Court of  
Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned  
Administrator upon the Estate of Alfred Francis  
McCaleb, Jr. Deceased, notice is hereby given to  
all persons having claims against said estate to  
present the same to the clerk of this court for  
probate and registration according to the law  
within ninety (90) days from the first publication of  
this notice or they will be forever barred  
This 27 day of March, 2002  
ALFRED F. MCALEB, III Administrator  
03/31, 04/07, 04/14/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT  
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
ESTATE OF JOSEPH NICHOLAS HERBERT,  
Deceased  
JO ANN HERBERT FROST VIRGINIA HER-  
BERT McDUGALL AND GARY JOSEPH HER-  
BERT, Petitioners

**NO. 2002-209**  
**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**  
TO THE UNKNOWN HEIRS AT LAW OF JO-  
SEPH NICHOLAS HERBERT  
You have been made a Defendant in the suit filed  
in this Court by Jo Ann Herbert Frost, Virginia  
Herbert McDougall, and Gary Joseph Herbert,  
Petitioners, seeking to establish the heirs at law  
of Joseph Nicholas Herbert. There are no other  
defendants in this action.  
You are summoned to appear and defend against  
the complaint or petition filed against you in  
this action at 9:30 o'clock A.M. on the 10th day  
of May, 2002, in the Chancery Courtroom of the  
Hancock County Courthouse at Bay St. Louis,  
Mississippi, and in case of your failure to appear  
and defend a judgment will be entered against  
you for the money or other things demanded in  
the complaint or petition.  
You are not required to file an answer or other  
pleading, but you may do so if you desire  
Issued under my hand and the seal of said Court,  
this 3rd day of April, 2002  
(SEAL)

Tim A. Keller, Chancery Clerk  
Hancock County, Mississippi  
By Larnell Scarborough, Deputy Clerk  
4/7, 4/14, 4/21/02

## Public Notices

IN THE CHANCERY COURT OF  
HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE MATTER OF THE  
MARGARET LIND SEGUND, Deceased  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI, PETITIONER  
COUNTY OF HANCOCK  
CAUSE NO. 2002-215

**EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
Letters testamentary having been granted on the  
19th day of March, 2002, by the Chancery Court  
of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the under-  
signed upon the Estate of Margaret Lind Se-  
gund, deceased, notice is hereby given to all per-  
sons having claims against said estate to present  
the same to the Clerk of said Court for Probate  
and registered according to law within 90 days  
from the date of this notice or they will be forever  
barred  
This 19 day of March, A.D. 2002  
JAMES A. SEGUND, Executor  
03/24 03/31 04/07 04/14/02

**NOTICE TO CREDITORS**  
NO. 2002-219  
Notice is hereby given that Letters Testamentary  
on the estate of John D. Lahare, Deceased, were  
granted to the undersigned, by the Chancery  
Court, Hancock County, Mississippi, on the 20  
day of March, 2002, and all persons having claim  
against said estate are hereby notified to present  
their claims to the Clerk of said Court and to have  
them probated and allowed within ninety (90)  
days from the date of the first publication of this  
notice. Failure to do so will bar the claim.  
This 20 day of March, 2002  
John D. Lahare, Deceased  
Chris David Lahare, Executor  
STEVEN J. IRWIN, Bar No. 30331  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
One Galleria Blvd., Suite 1510  
Metairie, Louisiana 70001  
TEL: (504) 832-0999  
FAX: (504) 836-7269  
03/24 03/31 04/07/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT  
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF MILLICENT C. BRODTMANN MERIC  
CIVIL ACTION NO.: 2002-222  
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
OF MILLICENT C. BRODTMANN MERIC  
STATE OF MISSISSIPPI  
COUNTY OF HANCOCK  
Letters Testamentary having been granted on the  
21st day of March, 2002, by the Chancery Court  
of Hancock County, Mississippi, to the under-  
signed upon the estate of MILLICENT C.  
BRODTMANN MERIC, deceased, notice is here-  
by given to all persons having claims against said  
estate to present the same to the Clerk of said  
Court for Probate and registered according to law  
within ninety (90) days from this date, or they  
will be forever barred  
This 21st day of March, 2002  
EDWARD S. BRODTMANN II, Executor  
J. P. COMPRETTA  
Attorney at Law  
P.O. Box 100  
Bay St. Louis, MS 39520  
(228) 467-1010  
MSB #64291  
03/24 03/31 04/07/02

IN THE CHANCERY COURT  
OF HANCOCK COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI  
IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE  
OF EVELYN JORDAN MUMME, DECEASED  
NO. 2002-250  
EXECUTOR'S NOTICE TO CREDITORS  
PARISH OF ORLEANS  
Letters testamentary having been granted on the  
3 day of April, 2002, by the Chancery Court of  
Hancock County, Mississippi, to the undersigned  
upon the estate of EVELYN JORDAN MUMME,  
deceased, notice is hereby given to all persons  
having claims against said estate to present the  
same to the Clerk of said Court for probate and  
registration according to law within ninety (90)  
days from this date or they will be forever barred.  
THIS 3 day of April, 2002  
CARMEL JORDAN GALOUYE  
04/07 04/14 04/21 04/28/02

**PUBLIC NOTICE**  
In accordance with Section 1014 (c) of the Oil  
Pollution Act of 1990 (33USC 2714 (c)), the Na-  
tional Pollution Funds Center (NPFC) is accept-  
ing claims for certain uncompensated damages  
resulting from the oil spill in connection with the  
discharge of oil into the Bayou Caddy on or about  
18 January 2002.  
Damages may include: damage to natural resour-  
ces; damage to or loss of real or personal prop-  
erty; loss of subsistence use of natural resources;  
loss of government revenue; loss of profits and  
earning capacity; and increased cost of public  
services.  
Generally, the requirements for presenting a  
claim are as follows: provide all evidence to  
document the damages; submit the claim in writ-  
ing for a specific amount; and include the claim-  
ant's signature in ink. Specific requirements for  
presenting claims may be found in the Federal  
Register (57 FR 36314) published August 12,  
1992. Claims presented must include claims for  
short-term damages representing less than the  
full amount to which the claimant ultimately may  
be entitled. It should be noted that payment of  
such claims shall not preclude recovery for dam-  
ages not reflected in the paid or settled partial  
claims.  
Claims should be mailed to the following address:  
National Pollution Funds Center (ica)  
Attn: Claims-FPN N02048  
4200 Wilson Blvd., Suite 1000  
Arlington, VA 22203-1804  
Normal business hours are from 8:00 a.m. to  
4:30 p.m. Eastern Time Monday through Friday.  
To have a Standard Claim Form sent or to obtain  
more information, claimants may call Ms. Gria  
Strange (202) 493-6847 or (800) 286-7118 for in-  
formation. The Standard Claim Form can be  
found on the Internet at  
http://www.uscg.mil/nplfc/claims.htm  
03/31 04/04 04/07 04/11 04/14 04/18 04/21  
04/25/02

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## Public Notices

**NOTICE OF SUBSTITUTED TRUSTEE'S SALE**  
**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**  
**COUNTY OF HANCOCK**  
I, NICHOLAS M. HAAS, Substituted Trustee in  
Deed of Trust, from Charles W. Madden and  
Theresa N. Lepley to Fidelity National Corpora-  
tion D/B/A Republic Finance Inc. Beneficiary  
dated November 14, 2001 recorded in Book 663,  
Page 770, Records of Mortgages and Deeds of  
Trust on Land of Hancock County, Mississip-  
pi, being requested by holder on the debt secured to  
foreclose same, for default therein, will on April  
23, 2002, during legal hours offer for sale and  
sell at public outcry for cash to the highest and  
best bidder at the front door of the Courthouse  
of said County the real property described as:  
Lot 4 Square 128, SHORELINE PARK SUBDIVI-  
SION UNIT NO. 7, ADDITION NO. 3, Hancock  
County, Mississippi, as per plat of said subdivi-  
sion of record in the Office of the Chancery Clerk  
of Hancock County, Mississippi, being the prop-  
erty described in said Deed of Trust.  
The undersigned was substituted as Trustee by  
instrument dated March 19, 2002, recorded in  
Book 684, Page 275, of said Deed of Trust Re-  
cords.  
I will convey only such title as is vested in me as  
Substituted Trustee.  
ADVERTISED, POSTED AND SIGNED this 28th  
day of March, 2002  
Nicholas M. Haas  
Substituted Trustee

Nicholas M. Haas, Esquire  
Attorney at Law  
624 Highway 90  
Waveland, MS 39576  
Telephone: (228) 467-3935  
MSB NO. 5090  
03/31 04/07 04/14 04/21/02

**PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE**  
The Bay St. Louis Planning and Zoning Commis-  
sion will hold a public hearing Wednesday, April  
24, 2002 at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Annex, 111  
Court Street at 7:30 p.m. in the City Hall Annex, 111  
Court Street to consider the following:  
RODNEY CORR - application for 12 rear yard  
variance to construct an addition to an existing  
single-family residence, the property in question  
is located at 515 Carroll Avenue and described as  
Parcel Lot 86 Parcel 2, Carroll Subdivision First  
Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississippi,  
parcel #149E-0-29-065. It is zoned R-3.  
RICHARD E. BOOB - application for a side yard  
variance and rear yard variance to construct a  
storage shed, the property in question is located  
at 222 Chartres Street and described as Block 2,  
Lot 2 the northerly half of Chartres Street First  
Ward, Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississip-  
pi, parcel #141M-0-166. It is zoned R-1.  
MICHAEL J. PERNICARIO - application for sub-  
division plat approval to allow for the creation of  
two residential lots. The property in question is lo-  
cated on Block 53, Lots 35-40 and Part Lot 41  
Bay St. Louis Land and Improvement Co. Fourth  
Ward, Bay St. Louis, Hancock County, Mississip-  
pi, parcel #137L-0-069. It is zoned R-1.  
Additional information for the above mentioned is  
available for review during the hours of 9 a.m.  
and 5 p.m. Monday through Friday in the office  
of the Planning and Zoning Commission, 111  
Court Street. All interested parties are urged to  
attend.  
PAUL A. C. FAIRCONNETTE  
CLERK OF COUNCIL  
04/07/02

Bay-Waveland  
Schools  
Docket of Claims

The following claims as listed in the Docket of  
Claims are presented for payment on this date  
03/13/02  
Cabot Lodge Budget Training 156.00 Holiday  
Rentals 156.00 ABC Rentals  
134 11 Abita Springs Water 46.00 Barbara Bos-  
ton Per Diem Feb 200.00 Bell South 630.66  
Bookends Bookstore 92.00 Bush Business  
Products 50.71 Clack, Bengo Remb  
Supplies/Travel 168.52 Coast Electric Power  
2.93 17  
Cleveland Williams Per Diem Feb 200.00 Coast  
Printing 113.00 42.40 Delta Education, Bell  
South Grant 100.80 Discount Tire Spot 6.00  
Dominica Favre Travel 5.87 Educational Re-  
search Services 209.00 ETA Bell South Grant  
43.29 Fingerprint Processing 72.00 Follett Soft-  
ware Library 33.98 Gay Spell PRCC 33.47 PC  
Connection Technology 579.67 Hubbard Hard-  
ware 28.47 Jeanette Boette PHD Print Services  
2.25 00 1470.00  
Joy Normand Travel 86.94 Kathryn Lewis At-  
Grant 4.00 00 Kim Stansky Jackson 150.00 Lu-  
cent Books 677.92 Main-Clean 429.90 Market  
Industries 50.71 Maupin House Supplies  
126.84 Maxi Aids Supplies 44.70 Mea Drug  
Testing 125.00 Metrolcal 41.06 Micro Ware-  
house, Erate Supplies 1.495 87 Miss Power  
3.95 17  
Mont-Carver Plumbing Repair 692.17 Month  
Electric 111.14 Nancy Hill Rea Travel 35.53  
Park Rivers Campers City Maint 117.81 Quill  
Corp Skaffetto 8.95 and Supplies 477.65 R. R.  
Morrison Fuel 112.43 42.93 and 118.57 Rebec-  
ca McCaleb Travel 74.40  
Richard Flowers Per Diem Feb 200.00 Rusty  
Dempsy Jackson 225.40 S&L Office Supplies  
117.60 Sav-A-Center 43.22 Scotty McDaniel  
CPA Audit 2,325.00 Sherry Ponder Per Diem  
Feb 200.00 Sony Fast Print Supplies 28.00  
Speedy Printing 866.75 Stacy Clack Rea  
167.49 Steve Landry Per Diem Feb 67.00 Sea  
Coast Echo Advertisement 250.68 Treutel Insur-  
ance, Surety Bond G. Cuyvels 175.00 Way-  
Purk, Jackson 294.65 Wendy Shaw McCrany  
Travel 25.39 Empire Truck Sales, Repairs  
460.67 Cabot Lodge, MASBO 312.00 SF Hous-  
ing, Inc. IRA Corleau 400.00 International  
Reading Conf. K. Wilson Reg. 252.00 Katherine  
Wilson Travel 484.50 Edison Walthall hotel, S.  
Genn Lodging 130.00 Debbie Triplett, Gate  
50.00 and 75.00 Joe Marshall Official 40.00  
Robert Brechesen, Official 45.00, Tim Bond Of-  
ficial 125.00, Corey Mickel Official 130.00, Deb-  
bie Triplett, Gate 50.00 and 50.00  
Alfred Richardson, Official 51.40, Karon Bridges,  
Official 51.40, Gulf Coast Baseball Official As-  
signing Fee 5.00, Paul Caves, Official 52.40  
Brian Adam, Game Worker 8.00, D'Iberville High  
School, Entry Fee Softball 100.00, Joe Marshall,  
Official 70.00, Terry Greer, Official 75.00  
Debbie Triplett, Gate 50.00 Harcourt, Brace  
Javanovic, Rea 499.17 Haynes Electric, Repairs  
360.00, Micro Warehouse, Computer Disc, Monti  
332.91, Monti Electric Supply 143.18, Office Fur-  
niture USA, Rea 139.00  
Adams and Reese, Prof. Service 57.50, Ameri-  
can Reprographics, Supplies 547.10, AT&T  
51.00, Avaya Communications 39.30, Barbara  
Cropp, Blox 202.40, BSL School Food Service  
Athletic Awards 45.00, Chuck Bengino, Jackson  
62.10, D. L. Hout, Photo, M. K. Jones 24.00,  
Coastal Therapy Services, Prof. Service  
3,080.00, Debbie Cox, Hattiesburg 59.34  
Dunbar Lawn Equipment 798, Follett Software  
200.00, Garland Cuevas, MASBO 140.39, PC  
Connection, Rea 479.70, Ayres Electric, Lights

## Public Notices

Baseball Field 2 181 40, Hime Auto Parts 44 34  
Hubbard Hardware 39 99, James Chirchie Civil  
Engineer 175 00, Katherine Wilson Rea-Jackson  
74 52, Kessler Sports Baseball 488 85 and  
28 50  
Linda Gavagne MASBO 30 53, Lonnie Lock  
smith Repairs 80 00, Miss Power Co 30 30  
Mont Electric Supply 1184 Network 1 Supplies  
Mant 900 00, Nordan Smith Supplies 32 29  
Pam Garubba Prof Service 825 00, R. R. Mor-  
son Fuel 103 54, Rebecca McCaleb Rea Jack-  
son 188 30, RGE Inc. Tech Office 104 00, Ricks  
Trophies 452 00, Rusty Dempsy, Hattiesburg  
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## Music Festival features world-class musicians

For the second year in a row world-class musicians will bring their talents to the River City.

The second annual Vicksburg International Chamber Music Festival will kick off April 21, and this year's theme, "Chamber Music-Southern Style" promises to showcase the most talented artists in their field.

The performances in historic Vicksburg locations provide the opportunity for local and out-of-town residents to enjoy the phenomenal talents of these musicians.

Frances Koury, festival organizer, said she thinks the second festival will be better than the first.

"There is so much talent here and in the surrounding areas that we are able to take advantage of," Koury

said. And Vicksburg offers the perfect setting for the festival.

"There is so much ambiance and charm here that it is the perfect place for this," she said.

A following is a list of concert dates and locations.

- April 21 at 2:30 p.m. The Piedmont Chamber Ensemble will perform at the B'nai B'rith Literary Club. This "Afternoon in Vienna" will feature works by Johannes Brahms and Franz Schubert.

- The next day at 7:30 p.m. Trio Merging will wow audiences with their combination of clarinet, piano and cello at Crawford Street Methodist Church in "Romanticism Around the World."

- April 23 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Court House

Museum soprano Maryann Kyle and pianist Theresa Sanchez will present an evening of "All American Music" featuring works by Gershwin, Barber and Mississippi composer Luigi Zaninelli.

- April 24 at 7:30 p.m. at Church of the Holy Trinity, classical guitarist Giovanni Dechiario will perform the music of Spanish masters Aguado and Tarrega in "World of the Guitar."

- April 25 at 7:30 p.m. at Crawford Street United Methodist Church Viennese baritone Benno Schollum and pianist Theresa Sanchez present "Liederabend," an evening of German and Austrian songs.

- April 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the B'nai B'rith Literary Club, Italy will come to Vicksburg with, "A Magical

Night in Italy" and the performances of the three Mississippi sopranos, Lucia Hawkins, Charlotte Price and Catherine Coleman Boone and internationally-known tenor Robert Grayson and pianist Jan Grimes.

A sumptuous Italian feast will be served immediately preceding this event. (Tickets to this dinner must be purchased in advance).

- April 27 at 7:30 p.m. at the Old Court House Museum the Mississippi Symphony Orchestra String Quartet presents an evening of classical and romantic music titled "Great Quartets."

- April 28 at 2:30 p.m. at Church of the Holy Trinity, "Musica Festa Italiana" will close out the festival with Promenade, a Baroque ensemble featuring Stephen

Redfield, a violinist; Patricia Malone, oboist; Rebekah Stark Johnson, cellist; and Dana Ragsdale, harpsichordist.

Their program, "Musica Festa Italiana" features delectable offerings from the Italian Baroque.

Tickets are \$10 per concert, and package deals are available. For more information call (601) 266-5418 or 800-844-8424.

## Harry Connick entertains at D'head Country Club

BY PAT GUDRITZ AND SUE STEWART

Harry Connick Sr. and his Great Band will entertain Sunday, April 14 at 7 p.m. at the Diamondhead Country Club.

Connick has served as District Attorney in New Orleans since 1973.

As such he has received national recognition for his establishment of a career criminal bureau and a victim/witness assistance program.

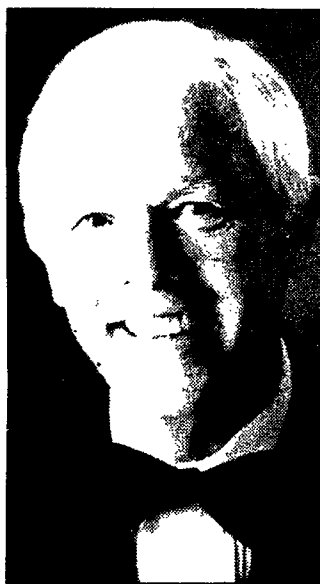
His child support enforcement division collects millions of dollars from runaway parents for care of their children.

Today he expresses deep concern not only in the area of rehabilitation of offenders, but also in the area of assistance to the often forgotten victims of crime.

The multiple-talented Connick has been singing since he was in high school.

He and his late wife, Anita, owned two music stores while pursuing their law degrees.

Mrs. Connick was an



Harry Connick, Sr.

accomplished flute player who became one of the finest female judges in the city of New Orleans.

Connick continued to follow his love for music and now sings with his own band.

Tickets are \$15 for adults and \$3.50 for full-time students and may be purchased at the door on the evening of the performance or ahead of time at Diamondhead Discount Drugs.

## Eudora Welty exhibit at Mississippi Museum of Art

The Mississippi Museum of Art invites the public to come celebrate the rich photographic heritage of one of Mississippi's most cherished writers, Eudora Welty.

On view now - June 30, Passionate Observer: Eudora Welty Among Artists of the Thirties offers a compelling view of the nation during the Great Depression, as seen through the lens of one of America's most cherished writers, Eudora Welty, and the visions of other notable artists and photographers of the 1930s.

Welty captures in her photographs what she eloquently reveals in her prose: the complexity and dignity of the human condition. Her work explores the people of Mississippi, New York and New Orleans through scenes from everyday life that have changed or vanished forever.

"Welty always referred to her photographs as 'snapshots,'" says Betsy Bradley, MMA director. "She valued the unpredictability of the moment."

"Welty's pictures capture the courage and energy of the American people during this pivotal era. Like her novels, her photographs reveal that life, for her, was profound and passionate. And she depicts her subjects with truth and honesty," adds Bradley. The exhibition provides an interesting comparison between Welty's artistic interpretation and other visual records of the times. During the Great Depression, the people of America suffered severe hardships and deprivations. Yet the spirit of the times was genuinely heroic, and some of the artists, many working for the Federal Works Progress Administration and the Farm Securities Administration, captured it with true grandeur.

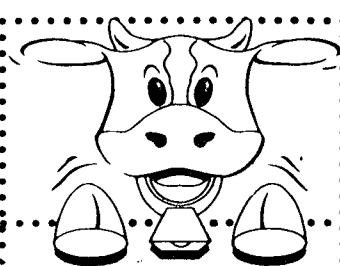
One of these was a young Southern writer, Eudora Welty. This innovative exhibition positions Welty's photographs with works by American artists from across the country.

Paintings, sculptures, drawings, prints and photographs from the era are presented together with her photographs. Southern artists Walter Anderson, William Hollingsworth, Marie Hall and Karl Wolfe are included in the exhibition. Outstanding photographers Walker Evans, Berenice Abbott, Margaret Bourke-White, Dorothea Lange and national artists Thomas Hart Benton, Edward Hopper, Grant Wood and many more are featured in this groundbreaking show.

The exhibition is organized by Patti Carr Black, former director of the Old Capitol Museum of Mississippi History and author of *Art in Mississippi: 1720-1980*, and René Paul Barilleaux, MMA deputy director for programs.

An illustrated publication, produced by the MMA, documents the project. In addition, a gallery guide and teachers' materials aid the general public and students in gaining a deeper appreciation of the works on exhibit.

For more information about the exhibition or group tour arrangements, contact the Mississippi Museum of Art at 601-960-1515, or visit web site [www.msmuseumart.org](http://www.msmuseumart.org).



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## Pottery classes offered

Beginner, intermediate and professional pottery classes are forming at the Bay Clay Studio to begin in May. Day classes and evening workshops are available. The studio is open extended hours during the summer. Master potter Talle Johnson is studio

director and primary instructor. Continuing Education Credits will be offered during special summer break workshops.

Class sizes are small and include the use of most hand tools, potter's wheel, and firings. Classes are held at the Valena C. Jones Center, 310 Old Spanish Trail.

For curriculum, schedules and supply lists contact Johnson at 228.324.4391. The Bay Clay Studio is a not for profit partnership for art education with the City of Bay St. Louis.

## G.C. Symphony celebrates 40th

The Gulf Coast Symphony will presents its fourth concert of the 2001-02 season with John Wesley Strickler, music director and conductor, on Saturday, April 13 at 8 p.m. at the Saenger Theatre in Biloxi.

The program will include Crown Imperial by Walton; Music for the Royal Fireworks by Handel, and Symphony No. 2 (London) by Vaughan Williams.

Ticket prices are \$25, \$20 and \$15 for the 8 p.m. concert; \$8 for students; and \$5 and \$3 for the 3 p.m. rehearsal. Group rates are available. Tickets may be purchased by calling the Gulf Coast Symphony at (228) 435-9800 or at the door, if available.

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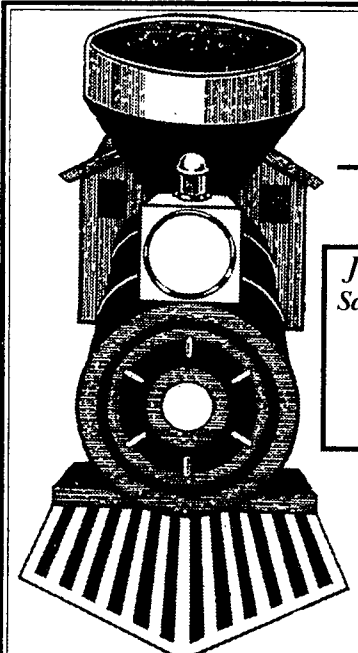
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